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Contract

Supporting the Secretary of State in the accreditation and oversight of ADR providers in consumer markets in the UK

Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Supporting the Secretary of State in the accreditation and oversight of ADR providers in consumer markets in the UK

Reference number

CS21627

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75000000 - Administration, defence and social security services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Award Notice

DO NOT apply directly to the buyer.

All tender information MUST be submitted through the Delta eSourcing Portal.

Brief Description of the Requirement:

The Consumer and Competition Policy Directorate (CCP), part of the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS), is looking for a service provide to support the Secretary of State in the execution of the Secretary of State's 'Competent Authority' (CA) role for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in the non-regulated sector. The provider will provide services of an administrative nature supporting the Secretary of State's performance of a number of statutory functions including the accreditation, oversight, performance management and reporting of ADR bodies in the non-regulated sector.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £306,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75000000 - Administration, defence and social security services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Background and Context

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) refers to any means of settling disputes outside of the courtroom. Typically, this can include negotiation, conciliation, mediation and arbitration. When disputes arise between consumers and traders, there are a range of options available for resolution without going to court. These options can often be quicker and cheaper, and lead to a more satisfactory solution for both parties, than taking legal action.

The Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Regulations established competent authorities (a person or organisation that has legally delegated or invested powers, authority, or capacity) to certify ADR schemes and set the standards that ADR scheme applicants must meet in order to achieve certification. It also introduced new information requirements on all traders who enter contracts with consumers for the supply of goods or services. The Regulations do not make participation in an ADR scheme mandatory for business but require the Government to ensure that Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) that has been approved as complying with the requirements in the Directive is available for all disputes between a consumer and a business.

In the regulated sectors, the CA is the relevant sector regulator . In the non-regulated sectors, the Department of Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy's (BEIS) Secretary of State is responsible for ensuring ADR providers who make an initial application for approval are compliant with the regulations.

The Government recently published the 'Reforming Competition and Consumer Policy' consultation .Alongside considering broader changes to the scope of mandatory ADR, the

consultation outlined proposals on improving the overall quality and oversight of ADR services is an important element of the proposed reform package. These improvements are centred around four key principles: neutrality, efficiency, accessibility and transparency. As part of the contract, the winning provider will work with BEIS, Competent Authorities and other relevant and qualified bodies to create a system of accreditation and oversight that applies these principles consistently across the whole of the non-regulated sector.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

The initial contract will be for 3 years with the option to extend on an annual basis (3+1+1)

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

18 May 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Chartered Trading Standards Institute

Essex

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £306,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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