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Planning

Provision of Project Leadership Programme (PLP) - re procurement

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

HM Treasury represented by the National Infrastructure and Service Transformation Authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of Project Leadership Programme (PLP) - re procurement

Reference number

RM6219

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Crown Commercial Service, as the Authority, intends to put in place an agreement for the Provision of Project Leadership Programme (PLP) - Re-procurement.

The HM Treasury represented by the National Infrastructure and Service Transformation Authority (NISTA) (formerly the Infrastructure and Projects Authority- IPA) (the “Authority”) is seeking to establish a Contract for the continued provision of the Project Leadership Programme.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £24,270,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 72220000 - Systems and technical consultancy services
- 75000000 - Administration, defence and social security services
- 75121000 - Administrative educational services
- 80420000 - E-learning services
- 80500000 - Training services
- 80510000 - Specialist training services
- 80511000 - Staff training services
- 80520000 - Training facilities
- 80521000 - Training programme services
- 80522000 - Training seminars
- 80530000 - Vocational training services
- 80531000 - Industrial and technical training services
- 80531200 - Technical training services
- 80570000 - Personal development training services
- 80590000 - Tutorial services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of Project Leadership Programme (PLP)

It is of critical importance to NISTA is build project delivery capability through enhancing project leadership.

To do this NISTA has established two key project leadership development programmes, one of which is the Project Leadership Programme (PLP).

Launched in 2015 PLP, is aimed at leaders who hold key delivery roles in large and significant Government projects. The programme is currently delivered by a consortium led by Cranfield University School of Management.

The programme has enrolled since its inception over 2700 leaders from across 30 different government departments and bodies and delivers 6 cohorts a year of between 30 — 50 participants per cohort.

PLP is based on three key leadership competencies: leadership of self, commercial leadership and technical leadership. Its content combines expert academic theory with practical hands-on learning. Its format currently includes 4 residential modules, mandatory and elective classes, coaching and online tools such as bespoke 360° feedback and a participant information portal.

The current contract expires in December 2025 and it is the intention of NISTA to re-procure the programme. This PIN does not however constitute a commitment by NISTA to commit to any procurement activity or award a contract but is to alert the market to some market engagement activity. The estimated value in this notice is subject to the final requirements identified so constitutes a guide only.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

3 December 2025

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The purpose of this PIN is to give notice that the National Infrastructure and Service Transformation Authority (NISTA) is intending to undertake a tendering exercise from the end of May 2025 to set up a new contract for the delivery of the Project Leadership Programme, and to advise potential market suppliers of a forthcoming supplier day which is taking place ahead of the formal procurement process.

The purpose of the day is to explain the business, learning requirements, context of HM Governments work on building project and programme delivery professional capability. It will explain the proposed procurement strategy and process

It will give suppliers the opportunity to ask questions, seek feedback, explore the scope for innovation and change and understand the contracting approach.

The supplier event will be held virtually on 29 April 2025. To register interest in attending the day please plp@ipa.gov.uk

This Prior Information Notice is to signal an intention to commence market engagement with those within the Learning and Training Services industry.

The tender will be run through Crown Commercial Service's (CCS) Learning and Training Services RM6219 Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS). For suppliers interested in participating in the upcoming competition and are not currently registered on the DPS please see the following instructions:

To find out how to become a supplier on this commercial agreement, download the 'Bid pack' and read the 'RM6219 Quick supplier guide - How to apply' on this link below:

<https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/dps/RM6219?nav=0>

To apply or update your responses click 'Access as a supplier' on the link above to login/register. Registration is free and there is no limit on the number of suppliers who can join this DPS Marketplace

Crown Commercial Service (CCS) will use an eSourcing system for this competition and reserves the right to use an electronic auction. The eSourcing system we will use is [<https://crowncommercialservice.bravosolution.co.uk>].

Please note that, to register, you must have a valid DUNS number (as provided by Dun and Bradstreet) for the organisation which you are registering, who will be entering into a

contract if invited to do so.

The Cyber Essentials scheme is mandatory for Central Government Contracts which involve handling personal information and providing certain ICT products and services. The Government is taking steps to further reduce the levels of cyber security risk in its supply chain through the Cyber Essentials scheme. The scheme defines a set of controls which, when properly implemented, will provide organisations with basic protection from the most prevalent forms of threat coming from the internet.

To participate in this procurement, bidders will be required to demonstrate that they are Cyber Essentials Plus certified for the services under and in connection with the procurement.

Please note that the Carbon Net Zero Team cannot advise on CRP compliance to bidders in a live procurement. For further guidance on 'producing your carbon reduction plan' please follow this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ppn-0621-carbon-reduction-plan-creation-and-training-tickets-224041864247>

The service that arise from this framework will involve the supplier holding material that has been assigned a protective marking under the Government Security Classifications Scheme (April 2014) of OFFICIAL/SENSITIVE. Bidders will be required to implement their solution in accordance with the Learning and Training Services RM6219 Schedule, "Security Requirement and Plan", to meet Learning and Training Services RM6219 requirements. This will be released at the ITT stage.