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Tender

DoJ - FSNI - Provision of a Continuous Probability Software System for the Interpretation and Statistical Analysis of Forensic DNA Profiles

DoJ Forensic Science Northern Ireland

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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

DoJ - FSNI - Provision of a Continuous Probability Software System for the Interpretation and Statistical Analysis of Forensic DNA Profiles

Reference number

ID 4110597

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The DNA unit within FSNI manages the throughput of all evidential samples taken from persons arrested by the police in connection with recordable offences, samples recovered from crime scenes and samples recovered from exhibits. FSNI wishes to appoint a Contractor for the Provision, Installation, Maintenance and Support of a Fully Continuous Probability Software System for the interpretation and statistical analysis of forensic DNA profiles. The services required include the provisioning and licensing for a fully continuous probability software COTS (Commercial off the Shelf) package, on-site installation (if required), training, maintenance and support. The key objectives and outcomes to be achieved are: • A system that generates a likelihood ratio by considering observations under two propositions; and • While considering biological parameters such as peak height ratios, mixture ratios and stutter percentages.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £739,688

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48400000 - Business transaction and personal business software package
- 48460000 - Analytical, scientific, mathematical or forecasting software package

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The DNA unit within FSNi manages the throughput of all evidential samples taken from persons arrested by the police in connection with recordable offences, samples recovered from crime scenes and samples recovered from exhibits. FSNi wishes to appoint a Contractor for the Provision, Installation, Maintenance and Support of a Fully Continuous Probability Software System for the interpretation and statistical analysis of forensic DNA profiles. The services required include the provisioning and licensing for a fully continuous probability software COTS (Commercial off the Shelf) package, on-site installation (if required), training, maintenance and support. The key objectives and outcomes to be achieved are: • A system that generates a likelihood ratio by considering observations under two propositions; and • While considering biological parameters such as peak height ratios, mixture ratios and stutter percentages.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: AC1 Methodology / Weighting: 16

Quality criterion - Name: AC2 Key Personnel Experience / Weighting: 12

Quality criterion - Name: AC3 Contract Management / Weighting: 6

Quality criterion - Name: AC4 Social Value Methodology / Weighting: 6

Cost criterion - Name: AC5 Total Contract Cost / Weighting: 60

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £739,688

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract is anticipated to be renewed on expiry of the final contract period and prior to March 2038 (if the two options to extend are taken up).

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

After the initial contract period, there are 2 options to extend for up to 5 years each each.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2.14) Additional information

The Contractor must comply with the specification in full.

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

The Client will monitor the Contractor's performance against the agreed Key Performance Indicators as detailed in the Commercial Conditions of Contract Schedule for ICT Schedule 5 – Contract and Service Management and Specification Schedule.

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: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

25 July 2022

Local time

3:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Tender must be valid until: 23 October 2022

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

25 July 2022

Local time

3:30pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: 12 months prior to expiry of this contract anticipated to be March 2037.

VI.3) Additional information

Contract Monitoring. The successful Contractor's performance on this Contract will be managed as per the specification and regularly monitored (see Procurement Guidance Note 01/12 - Contract Management - Procedures and Principles). Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave professional misconduct and they may be issued with a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance and this Contract may be terminated. A central register of such Notices for supplies and services contracts will be maintained and published on the CPD website. Any Contractor in receipt of a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance will be required to declare this in future tender submissions for a period of three years from the date of issue of the Notice. It may also result in the Contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions being undertaken by Centres of Procurement expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement Policy.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended.

As above

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended).. and, where appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. This provides time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.