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Planning

Access Consultant Services

DEPARTMENT FOR WORK AND PENSIONS

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03d732

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

DEPARTMENT FOR WORK AND PENSIONS

DWP ESTATES COMMERCIAL, THIRD FLOOR, 2 ST. PETER'S SQUARE

MANCHESTER

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Contact

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD - North West (England)

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.dwp.gov.uk

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Access Consultant Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71315300 - Building surveying services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This Prior Information Notice ('PIN') provides information about a potential upcoming

opportunity. There is no guarantee that the Department for Work & Pensions ('DWP') will proceed to a procurement.

DWP seeks responses to this PIN in order to gauge the level of interest from suppliers.

The route-to-market has not yet been decided, at time of publishing.

If you are interested in this opportunity please email craig.garsed@dpw.gov.uk.

Please confirm that ALL individuals to be deployed on this potential contract are accredited with the NRAC (National Register of Access Consultants), along with a relevant technical qualification (RIBA, RICS, etc).

The supplier will support DWP Design Standards, DWP Estates, Workplace Transformation and any other DWP program in its work on understanding disability and neurodiversity as applied to the built environment.

The supplier will provide detailed technical support to the DWP, will critique existing and proposed buildings in line with BS8300 Design of an accessible and inclusive built environment, PAS 6463 Design for the Mind, the Building Regulations in England (and equivalent guidance in the devolved nations) and other relevant guidance; and comment on stakeholder engagement processes.

The supplier may also critique the work of Access Auditors employed by the DWP through the DWP professional services framework or other routes, and Design & Access Statements by others.

Access consultants must be NRAC accredited, with comprehensive knowledge of inclusion technical guidance. They will need to demonstrate ongoing continued professional development (CPD) and be able to advise on forthcoming changes to legislative guidance.

The supplier must be professionally qualified (e.g. RIBA, RICS) and highly competent in this sector, having relevant technical expertise, qualifications and substantive experience in successfully undertaking similar roles. A strong team ethic is essential, allied to an ability to communicate clearly and effectively with a wide and diverse stakeholder community.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £450,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)
- UKL - Wales
- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

England, Scotland, and Wales.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

It is anticipated that DWP will use a five year contract, with break points - the structure has not yet been decided, and governance is being undertaken.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

23 July 2023

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: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Please note that no procurement route has been decided (e.g. open competition, third-party framework, etc) at time of publishing this notice.