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Tender

PS21034 - Framework for Consumer Research on Product Safety Standard Issues

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

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Contact

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKI - London

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.beis.gov.uk>

I.3) Communication

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/delta/buyers/tenders/viewTenderStatus.html?id=613738955>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/delta/buyers/tenders/viewTenderStatus.html?id=613738955>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

BEIS Main Activity

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

PS21034 - Framework for Consumer Research on Product Safety Standard Issues

Reference number

PS21034

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73110000 - Research services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

UK Shared Business Services Ltd (UK SBS) on behalf of The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), wishes to establish a Framework for the provision of Office for Product Safety & Standards (OPSS) Strategic Research Programme.

UK SBS is managing this procurement process in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) (the "Regulations").

The duration of this Framework will be 48 Months (From award until Friday 3rd October 2025).

It is intended that there will be 3 suppliers awarded to this Framework. These awarded suppliers will be ranked 1st 2nd and 3rd based of the scores awarded from this completion of this procurement.

Background:

The contract is being commissioned as part of the Office for Product Safety & Standards (OPSS) Strategic Research Programme. OPSS was established by BEIS in January 2018 in order to enhance protections for consumers and drive forward increased productivity, growth and business confidence. The OPSS strategic research programme provides high quality, strategic, science-based research to strengthen the evidence base for OPSS policy development, delivery and enforcement.

In recent months it has been necessary to seek consumer insight on a number of issues such as the recall of large white goods and purchase and use of certain consumer products in relation to Covid-19. It is expected that further issues will arise where consumer insight can help shape the OPSS response. In addition to this OPSS has recently taken on regulation of construction products, presenting a new research area where consumer insight could add value.

Please ensure you review all attached information to ensure a full understanding of this requirement. All attachments can be found with the Document Uploads tab within the Delta eSourcing Portal.

This contract will be awarded based on the evaluation criteria set out in the RFP document.

Please note that there is no guarantee of value or volume through this framework agreement.

How to Apply

UK SBS on behalf of BEIS will be using the Delta eSourcing Portal for this procurement.

To register on the Delta eSourcing portal please use the link <https://www.delta-esourcing.com/> and follow the instructions to register.

If you are already registered on the Delta eSourcing Portal and wish to participate in this procurement, please use the link: <https://www.delta-esourcing.com/> and the follow the instructions to 'Log in'

Once you are logged into the system you will be able to link yourself into this procurement using the Access Code: EJ34ZD9MFR

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £245,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

Main site or place of performance

1 Victoria Street

London

SW1H 0ET

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The final date and time for bidders to request the RFP documents is Thursday 2nd September 2021 at 10:00.

The final date and time for the submission of bids is Thursday 2nd September 2021 at 11:00.

The procurement documents are available at:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/3e157736-3f0a-4979-aeec-0871532371c8>

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: PROJ1.1 - Approach / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: PROJ1.2 - Scenario 1 / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: PROJ1.3 - Scenario 2 / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: PROJ1.4 - Scenario 3 / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: PROJ1.5 - Staff to Deliver / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: PROJ1.6 - Understanding the Project Environment / Weighting: 15

Price - Weighting: 20.00

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £245,000

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

Start date

4 October 2021

End date

3 October 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

DO NOT APPLY DIRECTLY TO BUYER

All submissions will be assessed in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, for procurement values that exceed Regulation 5 (Threshold amounts).

Responses must be received by the date and time in the tender documentation; responses received outside of the deadline or not sent via the Delta eSourcing portal will not be accepted or considered by the Contracting Authority further for this opportunity. Interested organisations should ensure that they allow a sufficiency of time, prior to the deadline to allow all sections to be completed in full and any attachments to be uploaded.

As a user of the Delta eSourcing Portal you will have access to the Delta messaging service which facilitates all messages sent to you and from you, as well as other messages and updates in relation to any specific tender event. Please note that any and all information secured outside of the messaging service, shall have no merit or worth and should not be relied upon by any organisation submitting a tender response.

Please note it is your organisations responsibility to access these messages on a regular basis to ensure you have sight of all relevant information applicable to this opportunity.

The Contracting Authority expressly reserves the right:

i. not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; and

ii. to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the procurement; and under no circumstances as part of your organisations participation in this opportunity, will the Contracting Authority be liable for any costs incurred by any organisation as a result. If the Contracting Authority decides to enter into a contract with any successful organisation(s), this does not mean that there is any guarantee of

subsequent contracts being awarded. Any expenditure, work or effort undertaken prior to contract award is accordingly a matter solely for the commercial judgement of your organisation in doing so.

Closing date and time for Bidder to request RFP documents: 2nd September 2021 @ 10:00

Closing date and time for Bidder to submit their response ('the deadline'): 2nd September 2021 @ 11:00hrs

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 3

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

2 September 2021

Local time

11:00am

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

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

2 September 2021

Local time

11:01am

Place

Electronically via Delta eSourcing Portal

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

UK Shared Business Services Limited

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United Kingdom

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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United Kingdom