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Planning

FCDO Trade Centre of Expertise

Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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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

FCDO Trade Centre of Expertise

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Centre of Expertise for the deployment of Technical Expertise to partners in the field of Trade policy and advice

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £95,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75130000 - Supporting services for the government
- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Global

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The new UK Trade Centre of Expertise (CoE) is being established by the FCDO Trade for Development team. The CoE will act as a central programme that supports HMG-wide Aid for Trade efforts to drive inclusive, pro-poor trade in developing countries.

The Trade COE aims to increase trade from and between developing countries in order to drive export-led growth which reduces poverty and increases people's resilience to climate change. It will provide technical assistance to governments and businesses in developing countries and in multilateral fora to enable them to overcome the barriers to trade, to compete in global markets and to make the global trade rules work for developing countries. It will provide world-class expertise on trade to Posts that is responsive, flexible and value for money and is accompanied by a separate Trade COE Evidence and Innovation programme.

A combination of Accountable Grants, MOU's and Commercial Contracts are envisaged to deliver the CoE as a whole, split into different components.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 December 2024

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

This notice is to inform potentially interested parties of an Early Market Engagement event taking place on 3rd July at 10:00, which is primarily an information-sharing session on the new Trade Centre of Expertise (CoE). An overview will be given of CoE's, the Trade one in particular and its likely different components - some of which will most likely be Accountable Grants, some MOU's, and some Commercial Contracts. The intention of the session is to share this initial information, which is at Business Case-approval stage, and gather insights from the market on potential delivery models, routes to market, and interested parties in each component. To register for the EME please go to the following Microsoft Form: <https://forms.office.com/e/ZxUM1Tpshc>