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Market Engagement - HMPPS Careers Information, Advice and Guidance (CIAG)

Ministry of Justice

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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

Market Engagement - HMPPS Careers Information, Advice and Guidance (CIAG)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75231200 - Services related to the detention or rehabilitation of criminals

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) is establishing the Government's vision to deliver an impartial and high-quality Careers Information, Advice and Guidance (CIAG) Service that will support prisoners to engage with the right learning, development and employment pathways in prison to achieve their aspirations upon release. We will therefore be seeking to procure new contracts to deliver CIAG services in HMPPS adult prisons across England (including several privately managed prisons).

Our vision is that everyone of working age and able to work should leave prison prepared for employment or further education and training. The new CIAG service will support prisoners from induction to release to identify career aspirations, set education, skills and work-related goals, and support prisoners towards outcomes on release. This will ultimately contribute to reducing reoffending.

To achieve this vision, we are seeking to procure new CIAG contracts by engaging with a diverse range of suppliers that can offer prisoners a high quality and impartial CIAG service. It should be noted that the new Careers Information, Advice and Guidance contracts shall replace the current CIAG services commissioned via the Prison Education Dynamic Purchasing System (PEDPS).

In issuing this Prior Information Notice, the MoJ is seeking to inform the market of this planned procurement.

The MoJ intends to hold a market engagement event on 19th July 2023 from 10am to 11am via MS Teams webinar. To register your interest for the event, please register on Jaggaer as follows:

1) Creating an account or logging into the MoJ eSourcing portal at:

<https://ministryofjusticecommercial.bravosolution.co.uk>

2) Within the portal users can navigate using the left side menu, selecting 'PQQs Open to All Suppliers' or 'My PQQ's' if already registered and then selecting 'PQQ_355 - Engagement Opportunity: HMPPS Careers Information, Advice and Guidance (CIAG)'.

3) Users can express an interest by clicking 'Express interest'.

The attachments area of the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) contains an invitation registration to the Market Engagement Launch Event.

The closing date to register is 18/07/2023

For the avoidance of doubt, there is no requirement to complete and submit a questionnaire, or any other information. The only requirement at this stage is to register your interest (if you are interested) following steps 1 to 3 above.

This notice relates to an engagement opportunity and is not a call for competition or an invitation to take part in a pre-qualification process.

Enquiries relating to the exercise should be directed to CCMD-PrisonEducationService-Programme@Justice.gov.uk.

For technical assistance with the MoJ eSourcing Portal please contact the central support team using the details provided on the portal homepage

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £68,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

The current intention is that lots will be organised on a geographic basis

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Market Engagement - HMPPS Careers Information, Advice and Guidance (CIAG)

Lot No

1-11

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75231230 - Prison services
- 79634000 - Career guidance services
- 80510000 - Specialist training services
- 80530000 - Vocational training services
- 80531000 - Industrial and technical training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom
- 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)

Main site or place of performance

The HMPPS Prison Estate in England (including several privately managed prisons)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The purpose of this engagement is to enable HMPPS to inform the market of our CIAG requirements and to allow us to assess the level of interest, capability, and capacity of CIAG providers to deliver the next generation of contract service.

The procurement of these services will cover the scope of CIAG services within the HMPPS Prison Estate in England (including several privately managed prisons). A procurement process is anticipated to commence in Autumn 2023, with contracts commencing 1st April 2025.

The Market Engagement event will include more specific information on service objectives and requirements. There will be an opportunity to raise questions during the live event (which will be responded to following the event), as well as at any time afterwards.

The Market Engagement Launch event will be presented by Sarah McKnight, Deputy Director, Reducing Reoffending, Accommodation and Partnerships Directorate who will be joined by Holly Tremain, CIAG Strategy Lead, HMPPS to set out our vision for improving HMPPS CIAG provision.

The CIAG Service is being procured separately to the Core Education Provision, however forms part of the golden thread of education, skills and work delivery in HMPPS prisons, and is fundamental to realising this vision. Both services are expected to go live on 1st April 2025. Suppliers are able to bid for both Core Education and CIAG services.

Suppliers must register to the MoJ eProcurement Jaggaer platform [<https://ministryofjusticecommercial.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>], to register on the event and, to access further information that becomes available after the event on the CIAG service

We are very interested to hear suppliers' views to enable us to shape the new procurement and contracting arrangements that will improve performance, quality learner engagement and value for money.

We reserve the right to supplement and vary the conduct of the market engagement process. Where we do this, we will act transparently and treat all suppliers who have expressed an interest equally.

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no circumstances will the MoJ or any of its advisors be liable for or accept any responsibility for any cost, expense or liability incurred by any person relying upon or using such information.

The procurement exercise will run via the eSourcing portal <https://ministryofjusticecommercial.bravosolution.co.uk>. If your organisation is not already registered, then we advise you to register using the above link ahead of the start of the formal procurement process anticipated to start in Autumn 2023

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This requirement has been classified as being subject to the Light Touch Regime under the Public Contract Regulations 2015. Under the Light Touch Regime, the Authority is not obliged to observe the full requirements of the Regulations, including the detailed rules and timescales applicable to the procurement procedures covered by the Regulations

II.2.14) Additional information

The overall contract (initial term of 4 years and extension up to 3 years) is estimated to cost £68m.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

25 October 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

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