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Planning

OPG Deputyship and Guardianship Surety Bonds

Ministry of Justice

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Scope

Description

The Office of the Public Guardian (OPG) is preparing to launch a tender for the provision of a service for surety bonds, for both deputyship bonds and guardianship (missing persons) bonds. Through this preliminary market engagement notice, the Authority would like to invite interested suppliers to a webinar to highlight who we are, explain how we work and what we do, and share further details for the re-procurement of our combined contract requirements.

The Office of the Public Guardian (OPG) is an Executive Agency of the Ministry of Justice (MoJ), set up in 2007 following the legislation of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 coming into force (in 2007). OPG protects people in England and Wales who may not have the mental capacity to make certain decisions for themselves, such as matters relating to their health and finance. Our principal responsibilities are: registering lasting and enduring powers of attorney (LPAs and EPAs), supervising deputies appointed by the Court of Protection (CoP), supervising guardians appointed by the High Court, maintaining the public registers of deputies, guardians, LPAs and EPAs, and responding to requests to search the registers and investigating representations (including complaints) about the way in which attorneys, deputies and guardians are exercising their powers.

The Public Guardian is supported by OPG in the delivery of her statutory functions under

the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and the additional functions from the Guardianship (Missing Persons) Act 2017. The Public Guardian's responsibilities extend throughout England and Wales. Separate arrangements exist for Scotland and for Northern Ireland.

The OPG will be combining both Guardianship and Deputyship Bond requirements into a single supplier contract. We intend to work in partnership with the successful supplier to implement service improvements through simplification and driving efficiencies, focusing on the customer experience throughout the application processes and timelines within.

The contract term will be for six years, with an expected contract mobilisation start on or before April 2026.

Please note a previous PIN notice was published for this procurement 14 February 2025 - ref ocds-h6vhtk-04e262

Total value (estimated)

- £15,000,000 excluding VAT
- £18,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2032
- 6 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 66510000 - Insurance services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

2 June 2025

Engagement process description

The OPG and COP Guardianship and Deputy Surety Bonds Market Engagement Webinar will be held via Teams at 3.00pm on 22 May 2025. The Webinar presentation will last approximately 35 minutes with 20 minutes for Q&A following the presentation. The presentation Webinar will be presented by OPG, COP and MoJ.

Please register your interest via 'PQQ_494 OPG Guardianship and Deputy Surety Bonds in the MoJ Jaggaer Portal by no later than 2.00pm on 16 May 2025. Please send a message through PQQ_494 requesting attendance at the Preliminary Market Engagement Webinar event.

Please include the following detail in your message

Full names of those attending

Company/organisation name

Contact details – email and phone number

If you would like to ask any questions prior to the event please send these through PQQ_494 and we will do our best to cover them at the event.

We may follow up with further market engagement after the event.

If you do not already have a Jaggaer account please register to create an account via the following link - <https://ministryofjusticecommercial.bravosolution.co.uk/>

If you have any issues registering, please contact 0845 0100 132 or email esourcing@justice.gov.uk

*MoJ Commercial is facilitating this procurement on behalf of OPG

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The information contained in this notice, including information relating to the nature and scope of the requirements, the estimated value, the service classification of this requirement or the list of CPV codes, is only indicative of current thinking and is neither exhaustive nor binding, and the Authority reserves the right at its absolute discretion to amend it at the time of issue or any further notices or at any other time. The publication of this notice in no way obliges the Authority to commence any competitive tender process. The Authority is not/shall not be liable for any costs incurred by those expressing an interest in participating in this market engagement exercise. Any contracts are subject to the relevant legal and Cabinet Office controls and policies. The Authority reserves the right to source items included through other means (e.g. an existing contract or framework).

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 September 2025

Procedure

Special regime

- Concession
 - Light touch
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Contracting authority

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