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## **Homes England - Soft Market Testing - Built Environment Professionals Recruitment Modelling and Management**

Homes England (the name adopted by the Homes and Communities Agency)

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-018800

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02d0de

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Homes England (the name adopted by the Homes and Communities Agency)

The Lumen, St James Boulevard, Newcastle Helix

Newcastle

NE4 5BZ

#### **Email**

[centralprocurement@homesengland.gov.uk](mailto:centralprocurement@homesengland.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKC - North East (England)

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/homes-england>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/homes-england>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://procontract.due-north.com/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

National or federal Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

Housing and community amenities

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**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

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Reference number

DN560749

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Prior Information Notice ("PIN") is not a call to competition. The purpose of this PIN is to invite potential suppliers to participate in a market testing exercise to assist Homes England in the design of the future service and our requirements.

This market testing exercise consists of an Information Document "DN560749 - Soft Market testing - Draft Spec.docx" which includes a questionnaire to be completed by potential suppliers.

Further information can be accessed via Home England's e-Tendering system. Those wishing to download and return a questionnaire for this opportunity must register their expression of interest and submit their response through our e-Tendering system.

If not already registered, interested parties should register at <https://procontract.due-orth.com/Login>

Responses are required by the deadline of Midday 18/08/2021

### **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)

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

We know that attracting and retaining property professionals with broad industry knowledge and expertise who can be deployed to work on other regeneration and housing growth initiatives are a significant barrier to housing delivery. We are looking to address these skills gaps pragmatically and build capacity in an effective and cost-efficient way within the local government sector.

The purpose of this exercise is to test the market and understand if there are suppliers who can meet this challenge by designing a model, which after an initial injection of funding for set up costs, can become self-sustaining. The model must meet the requirements, outputs and milestones set out below, which in summary includes:

1. Identifying a region outside of London & South East
2. Place a minimum of 22 build environment practitioners on placements of 12+ months,
3. Developing a way of identifying potential Local Government Authorities (Authorities) placements and recruiting a cohort to place in roles within the selected region
4. Creating a learning and development programme to encourage the sharing of information across the candidates and Authorities in the region,
5. Devising a programme to support candidates through their placement lifecycle, and
6. Developing evaluation and success factors to monitor the project's performance and success.

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#### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

1 October 2021

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## **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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Conditions regarding this PIN:

- 1) this PIN is not a call for competition and is not published to reduce time limits for the receipt of tenders interested parties should not respond to this notice;
- 2) Homes England reserves the right not to commence any procurement or award any contract in respect of this notice;
- 3) the information contained in this PIN may be subject to change due to the impact of governance, assurance and regulatory changes. Insofar as permitted by law, Homes England shall not be liable for any losses incurred by any party as a result of reliance on the information contained/linked herein;
- 4) Homes England reserve the right to include this requirement within alternative procurements.
- 5) Dates within the PIN are indicative and subject to change.