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Planning

PIN- DfT Spaceflight UK Launch Insurance Policy and Re-entry Risk

Department for Transport

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Transport

London

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI - London

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.dft.gov.uk

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

Other activity

Transport

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

PIN- DfT Spaceflight UK Launch Insurance Policy and Re-entry Risk

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60500000 - Space transport services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a PIN with a Questionnaire for suppliers to submit feedback, which will inform the potential procurement relating to UK launch insurance policy and assessing risk to civil aviation from re-entry debris arising from UK spacecraft and launch vehicle debris.

All information, including how to submit responses, can be found in the attached document, accessible through:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/665bbbf5-b4dc-48ce-8ee1-d121d301c267>.

We welcome all feedback. All responses will be treated as confidential.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34700000 - Aircraft and spacecraft
- 66514120 - Marine, aviation and other transport insurance services
- 66516200 - Aircraft liability insurance services
- 66519310 - Insurance consultancy services
- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Spaceflight Team within the Department for Transport (DfT) is looking to inform the procurement of the following:

1. Upper Insurance and Liability Caps; informing policy options for setting upper caps on UK spaceflight launch insurance and liability by assessing the likely upper insurance requirements for a range of launches from potential launch sites in the UK to inform development of policy options for setting future launch operator liability and insurance.
2. Re-entry Risk; assessing the risk to civil aviation from re-entry debris arising from spacecraft and launch vehicle debris through a rapid, feasibility study to understand the benefits of tracking space debris during re-entry and modelling its destructive entry to address the issue of how Government can better gauge the potential safety risk to civil aviation (aircraft and airports) in the UK from space debris generated following the launch stage and life expired satellites.

We are publishing this Prior Information Notice (PIN) seeking feedback from suppliers to establish the current capabilities, capacities, and appetite of the market in relation to these two workstreams.

II.2.14) Additional information

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

3 July 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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Please email your completed questionnaire to spaceteam@dft.gov.uk by 24th July 2023. All responses will be treated as confidential.