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Award

Contract for the provision of the Crime Survey for England and Wales

Office for National Statistics

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Non departmental government body

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Contract for the provision of the Crime Survey for England and Wales

Reference number

PU-18/0001

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79310000 - Market research services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Crime Survey for England and Wales (CSEW) contract for research & data services supports the Office for National Statistics' (ONS) strategic objective of reliable and trusted data, which informs policy makers, Parliament and the public about crime.

The services improve knowledge of the volume and changing nature of criminality and victimisation which, in turn, informs the public policy response to crime.

The services under the CSEW contract act as a research and data source for ONS to produce crime statistics and inform the development of public policy response to crime. The Contractor provides the rolling annual datasets, on a quarterly basis, based on research interviews with a representative sample of:

(a) Households and adults' resident in England and Wales; this covers their experience of crime in the previous 12 months, attitudes to crime and crime-related issues, awareness and use of crime prevention measures and essential demographic and background information to inform further analyses.

(b) Children aged 10 to 15 years living in such households; this covers similar topics to the main interview but with a narrower focus on experience of personal crime and issues related specifically to children, such as bullying.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £18,315,399

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79315000 - Social research services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

ONS is seeking to increase the sample size for the survey, following requests from the Home Office and the UK Government's Implementation Unit, with an increase in the target number of interviews to 70,000 per year by 2024. This will include a boost to the face-to-face interview numbers and the introduction of a longitudinal panel element to the survey with further interviews conducted by telephone at 12 month intervals.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

The total value at the time of conclusion of the contract in Section V.2.4 (Information on value of the contract/lot/ concession) does not take into consideration indexation. Under the terms of the CSEW contract, the Contractor is permitted to increase charges in line with an agreed inflationary indexation adjustment. As such, the total value of the contract after indexation is £19,234,018.23.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

Due to COVID-19, all face-to-face survey operations ceased in March 2020 and the CSEW changed to a telephone survey operation (TCSEW), with the option of changing back to face-to-face surveys.

In April 2019, Kantar announced that it was unifying all its legacy brands (including Kantar TNS) and consolidating all services and offerings under the Kantar brand name, hence the name change to Kantar Public.

It is under a contract variation in July 2021 that ONS confirmed it would continue to operate the contract with Kantar for a further two years to 31 March 2024. A Modification Notice was published on 13 July 2021 for this contract variation (2021/S 133-355188), with an increased total value of £28,849,818.23.

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ONS will be running a competitive tender exercise for the CSEW Contract 2024 - 2029. A Prior Information Notice was published on 24 June 2022 (2022/S 000-017318) to inform the market of our intentions. ONS will update the market further in relation to the requirements for the future CSEW Contract in due course.

The CSEW interview is conducted using trained interviewers and a specialised script programmed by Kantar. Another contractor would need to adapt the script to its systems, which would be a considerable amount of work. A new panel of interviewers would have to be trained to conduct the survey, which would result in a significant additional cost for ONS. It would not be possible to develop a new telephone script to complete the follow up interviews within the required timeframes.

ONS (and the Home Office) require the uplift in sample size from October 2022, with the telephone survey starting at the same point. The rapid mobilisation of the uplift in interview numbers is critical and appointing a new contractor would cause significant delay to ONS' ability to deliver the increased interviews.

ONS will continue to update the market, and recommends that interested suppliers register their for upcoming market warming & engagement events on our e-tendering portal Intend via the following link - <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/ons/aspx/Home>.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2017/S 127-259083](#)

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

PU-18/0001

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

9 March 2018

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Kantar Public

6 More London Place

London

SE1 2QY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £34,099,818.23

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The Contract Notice was published on 6 July 2017 (2017/S 127-259083).

A Contracts Finder Notice was subsequently published on 9 March 2018, which is available here:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/710869e2-5b5f-4f6f-9c33-12e9bd378766>.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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