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Planning

Supply of Boarding and Kennelling of Seized Dogs to the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS)

Metropolitan Police Service

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Metropolitan Police Service

New Scotland Yard, Victoria Embankment

LONDON

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Contact

Ria Oxford

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI - London

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.met.police.uk/>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Public order and safety

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Supply of Boarding and Kennelling of Seized Dogs to the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 98380000 - Dog kennel services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Overview

The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC), the Contracting Authority, is issuing this Prior Information Notice (PIN) to inform the market of an upcoming competitive procedure with negotiation for a framework agreement. This agreement will cover the provision of boarding and kennelling services for dogs seized by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS). The aim is to engage with capable service providers to ensure high-quality care for dogs seized under various circumstances.

Scope of Services

The service providers will be required to handle dogs seized or otherwise taken into possession by the MPS, which includes dogs of prohibited types, those dangerously out of control, dogs as prisoners' property, dogs taken for animal cruelty investigations, and others for non-specific operational reasons.

Key Requirements

- The services must be operational 24/7, 365 days a year, including public holidays.
- Service providers must be capable of handling dogs with various temperaments and complex welfare needs, ensuring safety and proper care.
- Kennel facilities should ideally be within a 150-mile radius of the MPS, with transportation times minimized to protect animal welfare.

- Providers must have a minimum 3-star award/license from the relevant Local Authority under the Licensing of Activities Involving Animals (England) Regulations 2018.

Technical and Operational Criteria

- Adequate and secure shelter, food, exercise/enrichment, healthcare, and veterinary treatment must be provided.
- The average kennel stay per dog is approximately 85 days.
- Service providers should have the necessary personal protective equipment and training for handling aggressive or difficult dogs.
- Facilities must be inspected regularly to ensure compliance with all requirements, including those related to veterinary care, kennel construction, and dog handling equipment.

Legal and Compliance:

All Service Providers must comply with relevant legislation and regulations, including but not limited to:

- Licensing of Activities Involving Animals (England) Regulations 2018;
- Welfare of Animals (Transport) Order; and
- Veterinary Medicines Regulations 2013.

Service providers will also be required to maintain accurate records of all dogs in their care and provide regular reports to MPS/MOPAC.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £16,200,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Retained Kennels

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 98380000 - Dog kennel services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Contract Charges for kennels reserved for Authority use only. Where the Authority enters into a contract for Retained Kennels, the Supplier will be expected to invest in the expansion and/or upgrade of kennel facilities.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Framework Kennels (definition TBC)

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 98380000 - Dog kennel services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Contract Charges for the ad hoc purchase of Kennelling Services, excluding Welfare Kennels (subject to availability).

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Welfare Kennels

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 98380000 - Dog kennel services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Contract Charges for the ad hoc purchase of Kennelling Services specifically for dogs seized on welfare grounds and does not include dogs that are dangerously out of control or of a prohibited type.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

31 August 2024

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Detailed Invitation to Tender (ITT) documentation, including evaluation criteria, will be provided in due course. The Contracting Authority will determine the number of service providers based on the capacity and capability to meet the required standards and service levels.

This PIN is issued for information purposes only to alert potential service providers to the forthcoming opportunity. The Contracting Authority reserves the right to make changes to the scope and requirements before the formal ITT is released.

Suppliers wishing to register their interest can do so via the link below.

https://supplier.coupa.com/quotes/public_events?customer=metpolice

(please copy and paste the link into your internet browser)