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Ministry of Justice.

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Housing and community amenities

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

As part of Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) strategy, a national expansion programme for Approved Premises (APs) and Independent Approved Premises (IAPs) has been devised. APs and IAP's are a critical part of HMPPS' commitment, through the National Probation Service, to ensure public protection by providing secure accommodation in the community and it meets the agency's commitment to reduce reoffending by supporting residents with resettlement planning in the community, including securing employment. The aim is to better meet demand for bed spaces to support the management of men and women presenting high risk and complex needs who reside in these facilities. This programme was initiated in response to the ministerial commitment made on 24th January 2019 "by building over 200 additional places in approved premises of which half will be delivered next year".

As part of this national expansion programme we would like to assess the market interest and capability of delivering new IAPs.

Currently we are looking for a provider/s with the capability of delivering services set out in PI 2014 – 32 Approved Premises.

In order to deliver this MoJ is seeking expressions of interest from parties capable of delivering rehabilitative and public protection services that include residential provision for the most high risk and complex offenders in a community setting following release from prison.

The service will need to be stood up by April 2022 and will run for approximately 5 years.

If the MoJ identifies enough interested parties with a viable property in the stated region,

and the capability to deliver the services set out in response to this PIN, it intends to run a procurement competition to secure the future of this service.

If you believe you are capable of delivering this service, please set out the following details to newAPInterest@justice.gov.uk by 15/09/2021;

1. Organisation name;
2. Details of the property you will be able to offer the MoJ and run as an IAP within the conditions set out under 'Accommodation'.
3. Confirmation that you have experience working with high-risk individuals and those requiring intensive levels of support.

If you don't believe you are capable of delivering this service at the moment please let us know that, and please let us know what challenges in this market stop you from delivering. If you believe you could deliver this service in the future but not within these timescales, please also set that out.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The service required;

There are two key elements to the provision of an IAP and the MoJ are looking for an organisation who can deliver both elements;

- The first element is the provision of a "fit for purpose" residential unit which will require the relevant licenses to operate as such;

- The second element is the delivery of the 24-hour support service.

IAPs work with the highest-risk offenders and are a vital element in public protection arrangements. Effective security is essential for public protection, for offender management, and for the safety of staff and residents alike. They offer a level of contact, support and supervision that exists nowhere else in the probation service with the aim of protecting the public by reducing the likelihood of re-offending. These premises provide enhanced supervision through 24-hour a day staffing, night-time curfews, compliance with consistently enforced rules and a programme of “supervision, support and monitoring, which addresses offending behaviour and the reduction of risk”.

Residents are seen daily, and staff become involved in the residents’ lives to a high degree; giving advice, offering support, exercising control and supervision and liaising with the rest of the service and a wide range of agencies. The capacity to engage directly with a wide range of Criminal Justice stakeholders – Courts, Probation, Prisons, Police – is therefore essential. This intensive level of contact is what enables IAP staff to be aware of residents’ actions and changes in their behaviour in a way that no other intervention can and allows a high level of monitoring of residents’ well-being.

Security arrangements need to be designed around the fact that they are, at heart, a community

setting, rather than a custodial one. At certain times of the day all residents will be in the building; at

others some may be free to go out into the community, while others may be under restrictions. Security

therefore needs to be flexible in both design and operation. Residents’ presence, behaviour and wellbeing

within the AP are monitored through staff interaction, security tours, room checks and CCTV.

The building should include designated group work rooms for undertaking employment, housing and training interventions, treatment rooms for work with drug and alcohol users and quiet rooms. Communal areas would normally include a pool room and television area. In house catering can be provided to offer 3 meals daily or facilities can be available by which residents can self-cater.

The supplier of this service will need to accept all residents referred to it, the intention of this service is that it is available to house the most complex, high-risk cases.

The people in this service;

Cohort characteristics:

- High risk/very high risk of harm
- Diverse offence typology – including residents who have committed sex and arson offences.
- Complex need – including presenting physical and mental health issues, learning difficulties and personality disorders.

Referral routes for service cohort:

- Direct from custody
- As part of restrictive community sentences
- Secure facility /hospital discharges – including step down forensic services
- Referral route at any point during statutory supervision

Accommodation;

To bid for this service a provider will be required to provide/have sole access to a suitable property that meets the requirements set out in the AP technical design guide.

The provider will also need to have applied for or hold the appropriate Class C2(a) planning permission in order to be operational by April 2022.

The property should be in the South East and should be able to accommodate between 15 and 35 residents. The MoJ are looking for up to 68 bed spaces across the region for male POP and 9 for female POP and may wish to commission more than one IAP.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

22 October 2021

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