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## **Test facility for the assessment of conducted energy devices**

Home Office

F01: Prior information notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03e3c0

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

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

Home Office

London

##### **Email**

[CollaborativeProcurement@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:CollaborativeProcurement@homeoffice.gov.uk)

##### **Country**

United Kingdom

##### **Region code**

UKI - London

##### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office?\\_ga=2.231097823.1504410808.1689848478-1939243999.1660744602](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office?_ga=2.231097823.1504410808.1689848478-1939243999.1660744602)

### **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**

Public order and safety

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Test facility for the assessment of conducted energy devices

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 71632000 - Technical testing services

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

Services

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

Police in the UK currently use conducted energy devices (CEDs), specifically various Taser™ models manufactured by Axon. Enterprise Inc. The authorisation of any new CED in the UK requires significant and rigorous independent scientific and technical assessment. This testing ensures all necessary safety standards are met, alongside continued operational reliability when using the device against those who are violent or threaten violence.

The Home Office are exploring options for independent testing of CEDs against specified testing requirements which would potentially be overseen in person by government officials.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £250,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 35000000 - Security, fire-fighting, police and defence equipment
- 35200000 - Police equipment
- 71632000 - Technical testing services

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

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

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The Home Office is seeking input from test facilities that would be able to undertake testing to defined specifications for CEDs.

Currently assessments are conducted within government. The Authority is exploring options for partnering with independent test facilities that are capable of conducting physical assessments of devices, for example in terms of reliability, robustness or performance. Any CEDs and related consumables (e.g. cartridges) for assessment would be provided by the Authority

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

1 September 2023

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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: No

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

The Contracting Authority is issuing this Prior Information Notice (PIN) as a Request for Information (RFI) to gather market intelligence/information, to gain a better understanding of the capacity and appetite of the market.

It is important to note that this PIN/RFI is not a call for competition and as such potential providers will need to express an interest in any future tender opportunity once a contract notice is published in Find a Tender Service and on Contracts Finder.

It should be noted that this PIN/RFI invites individuals and organisations to express an interest in this RFI exercise only, and it is NOT a pre-qualification questionnaire, and is NOT part of any pre-qualification or selection process.

To request access to the RFI document please email [CollaborativeProcurement@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:CollaborativeProcurement@homeoffice.gov.uk) and request the RFI document related to Test facility for the assessment of conducted energy devices. The document will then be sent for completion and should be returned to the same email address before the deadline. Responses are required as soon as possible to inform next steps, but the RFI will remain open until 11/08/23