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Planning

Cryptoasset Investigation Services

HM Revenue & Customs

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Scope

Reference

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Description

His Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) are inviting suppliers to participate in a pre-market engagement exercise, to gather insights into Cryptoasset Investigation Services.

HMRC are seeking to tackle the exploitation of cryptoassets being used to facilitate laundering or launder the proceeds of HMRC predicate offences.

The list of non-exhaustive services under consideration are as follows:

Licenses to tracing software - specialist commercial SaaS tools to provide investigative, analytical and evidential capabilities to HMRC.

Blockchain forensic investigative support - access to expert investigators for support handling the complexity of modern crypto-enabled crime, combating new and innovative

criminal techniques, and supporting case work including developing courtroom-grade evidence

Application Programming Interface (API) calls - APIs that allow investigators to query blockchain data at scale, automatically, and in real time

These products/services are expected to be key enablers to delivering the following capabilities:

Automated triage

Deep forensic analytics

Cross-chain tracing

Attribution and risk scoring

Bulk data and API handling

Investigative support

Advanced visualisation

Alerts and proactive intelligence

Secure, compliant operation

Training, mobile triage support and administrative oversight

HRMC are considering procuring two contracts from a single procurement approach (each with 2+1 contract length). The contracts are distinguished by their volumes:

Contract 1: Provides per annum 55 licenses, 550 hours of investigative support, core training for a minimum of 55 people and advanced training for a minimum of 15 people. Total estimated value (over three years): 2.28m excluding VAT, 2.74m including VAT.

Contract 2: Provides per annum 20 licenses, 200 hours of investigative support, core training for a minimum of 20 people and advanced training for a minimum of 15 people. Total estimated value (over three years): 1.14m excluding VAT, 1.37m including VAT.

Total value (estimated)

- £3,420,000 excluding VAT
- £4,110,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2027 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 48461000 - Analytical or scientific software package
- 79700000 - Investigation and security services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

7 April 2026

Engagement process description

1. Background

His Majesty's Revenue & Customs is the UK's tax, payments and customs authority, and we have a vital purpose: we collect the money that funds the UK's public services and help families and individuals with targeted financial support.

Cryptoasset Investigation Services is used by HMRC's Fraud Investigation Service (FIS) and our Risk and Intelligence Service (RIS). FIS is responsible for the department's civil and criminal investigations into the most serious fraud and wrongdoing. RIS's primary role is to enable HMRC to understand and manage the risks to the tax system.

The purpose of this exercise is to engage the industry and gather market insights that will help us shape a potential procurement, including the refinement of market capability, capacity and appetite. Your engagement will help us to ensure any future agreement is fit for the future.

This Preliminary Market Engagement Notice is issued for notification purposes and does not constitute a formal tender or pre-qualification process, nor does it represent a commitment to procure any goods or services.

Parties should note participation in pre-market engagement will not influence or provide advantage in any future procurement, and that the scope, services, values, and timelines referenced are indicative only and subject to change.

Note the procurement may not go ahead in this and/or any format, and any procurement is subject to relevant internal approvals.

2. Key details

Please first register on HMRC's eSourcing system Ariba, to participate in this market engagement. You can register at the following link:

<http://hmrc.sourcing-eu.ariba.com/ad/selfRegistration>

How to register interest: Following registration on HMRC Ariba, please contact Ruth Whiteside with the details outlined in section 4 (part B) below.

Contact email: ruth.whiteside@hmrc.gov.uk

Secondary contact: sajid.allibhaye@hmrc.gov.uk

3. Future procurement

Should HMRC proceed to a formal procurement, a Tender Notice will be published on Find a Tender hosted on GOV.UK. Suppliers who do not respond to this Preliminary Market Engagement Notice will not be excluded from participating in any future tender.

We understand that not all organisations may be suited to partner with us. However, if you believe your organisation possesses the relevant skills and is interested in working with one of HM Government's largest departments, please register for this event using the instructions below.

4. Further details for registering for this Preliminary Market Engagement and participating in any future procurement

Part A - register on HMRC SAP Ariba

This Preliminary Market Engagement and any future procurement relating to this engagement will be conducted by way of an e-Sourcing event using HMRC's SAP Ariba e-Sourcing portal.

You must ensure you are registered with the e-Sourcing portal to gain access to this Preliminary Market Engagement and any future procurement documentation if it is released, which will contain full details of any future requirement.

If you are not already registered, the registration link is;

<http://hmrc.sourcing-eu.ariba.com/ad/selfRegistration>

As part of the registration process you will receive a system generated email asking you to activate your SAP Ariba supplier account by verifying your email address.

Once you have completed the activation process you will receive a further email confirming the 'registration process is now complete' and providing you with 'your organisation's account ID' number.

If an email response from HMRC is not received within one working day of your request, please re-contact;

sapariba.hmrctsupport@hmrc.gov.uk (after first checking your spam in-box) notifying them of non-receipt and confirming the date when your registration request was first made.

Part B - receiving further information

Once you have obtained 'your organisation's account ID' number, please email ruth.whiteside@hrc.gov.uk with the following information:

- Sourcing Request number (the reference number at the start of this document)
- Your organisation's HMRC SAP Ariba account ID
- Your organisation name
- Your name
- Your email address
- Your telephone number

Once you have complied with the above, you will receive materials for this Preliminary Market Engagement and an email confirming access to any future procurement event if it is built.

Additionally, should HMRC have any further questions for interested Suppliers prior to the event being published (in terms of market engagement and requirement development), the above provided contact details will be used.

Further information about HMRC's procurement tool SAP Ariba, a suppliers guide and general information about supplying to HMRC is available on the HMRC website:

www.hmrc.gov.uk/about/supplying.htm

If you have already registered on SAP Ariba then you may also need to re-register on HMRC's SAP Ariba to be added to this event.

5. Further details on registering for public procurements

Suppliers who wish to participate in public procurements are required to register on the Government's Central Digital Platform (CDP).

Suppliers can submit their core supplier information and, where a procurement opportunity arises, share this information with HMRC via the CDP.

It is free to use and will mean you should no longer have to re-enter your core supplier information for each public procurement, but simply ensure it is up to date and subsequently share as needed.

The CDP is available at <https://www.gov.uk/find-tender>.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Contracting authority

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