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Planning

Pre-Market Engagement - Corporate Footwear

Translink

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Translink

Procurement Department

Belfast

BT2 7LX

Email

rachel.lemon@translink.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.6) Main activity

Urban railway, tramway, trolleybus or bus services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Pre-Market Engagement - Corporate Footwear

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 18830000 - Protective footwear

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Pre-Market Engagement for the provision of Corporate Footwear to Translink staff.

Translink is seeking a supplier to provide a range of protective footwear for use in industrial, engineering and trackside environments including features such as waterproofing, oil resistance, reinforced toecaps and reinforced soles. There is also a small requirement for non-safety shoes for clerical staff.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 18800000 - Footwear
- 18830000 - Protective footwear

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland
- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Currently Translink issues Corporate Footwear to staff numbers in the region of 4000 across 20 depots throughout Northern Ireland. Issue cycle frequencies are 12 months.

Each job role will have different requirements, therefore a range of footwear options will be requested, including but not limited to boots, shoes, trainers, male and female options, and half sizes where appropriate. The range should be breathable, oil resistant, waterproof/water repellent, shock absorbent, puncture-resistant, light-weight/composite, wide-fitting, and deemed to be comfortable.

Translink is undertaking this exercise prior to advertising an Invitation to Tender in Q4 2021 for the issue to staff of Corporate Footwear in November 2022. The purpose is to inform Translink of the impact on the industry as a result of the global Covid-19 pandemic, with particular focus given to alternative methods of sourcing, fulfilment, delivery, supply chain issues, streamlining of the current range and any relevant innovations in the market.

It is anticipated that meetings relating to the exercise will be held on Wednesday 15th September 2021.

Interested suppliers are requested to e-mail their expression of interest in attending a 30 minute virtual meeting on 15th September to:

Rachel Lemon, Procurement Projects Advisor at rachel.lemon@translink.co.uk

NO LATER THAN 14.00 hrs on Friday 10th September 2021.

Additional Information

Suppliers registering their interest in participating in this exercise should note that:

1 This Notice is to initiate a market engagement and information gathering exercise and does not indicate the start of a procurement

exercise. It is instead intended to act as an informal market research document providing a brief synopsis of Translinks' future

requirements. This document is not intended to provide a definitive list of requirements.

2 We intend to invite interested suppliers to present to Translink personnel to discuss the range of services each can offer. All parties

agree that the matters discussed between them during the course of this early market engagement exercise will remain confidential to

those particular parties

3 This document is not a tender specification nor request for quotation. Translink is merely investigating market opportunities at this

stage without entering into any contractual or financial commitments.

4 Please note, progress in the project will be subject to the availability and timing of funding. If this requirement is given financial approval,

it will be tendered under the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016. Any documents, discussions, presentations, demonstrations or

clarifications submitted for this Market Research will not be considered as any part of the tender exercise. If Translink does decide to

proceed with a competitive tender process, a separate detailed tender specification document will be produced as part of that process.

At this stage it is not possible to give an accurate timeframe for this requirement.

II.2.14) Additional information

Translink takes no responsibility for any actions or decisions taken, costs incurred or commitments made by interested parties by being involved in any subsequent discussions in this market engagement and information gathering exercise.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 November 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: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest

Date

10 September 2021

Local time

2:00pm