

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/021941-2023>

Planning

## **Home Office Biometrics Strategic Facial Matching Application Programming Interface (API) and associated Services**

Home Office

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-021941

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03eb23

Published 28 July 2023, 10:28am

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

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

Home Office

49 Sydenham Road

Croydon

CR0 2EU

#### **Contact**

Elizabeth Barnes

#### **Email**

[elizabeth.barnes2@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:elizabeth.barnes2@homeoffice.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

**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

---

**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Home Office Biometrics Strategic Facial Matching Application Programming Interface (API) and associated Services

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Market engagement for Strategic Facial Matching API and associated Services

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The Home Office is the lead government department for public safety, migration and borders and homeland security. It is responsible for securing the UK border, controlling immigration and issuing passports and visas.

Strategic Facial Matching (SFM) is an infrastructure, software delivery and data migration project within the Home Office Biometrics Programme (HOB) Programme. SFM is intended subsequently to evolve as a service.

The HOB Programme seeks market knowledge from suppliers in relation to products and services capable of being integrated with the SFM service via an API on the HOB Biometrics Services Gateway.

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

30 November 2023

---

## **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**

A virtual further information and supplier engagement event will be held on 23 August 2023. Suppliers able to offer a solution are requested to attend, attendance is not a condition for bidders in any future procurement. Any suppliers interested in attending this event should register their interest no later than 13.00 on 14 August 2023 using the following link.

<https://www.techuk.org/what-we-deliver/events/hob-strategic-facial-matching-api-and-associated-services.html>