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Tender

Healthcare Soft Facilities Management (FM) Services

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

https://crowncommercialservice.bravosolution.co.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

https://crowncommercialservice.bravosolution.co.uk

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Public Procurement

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Healthcare Soft Facilities Management (FM) Services

Reference number

RM6331

II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 79993000 - Building and facilities management services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Crown Commercial Service (CCS) as the Authority intends to put in place a Pan Public Sector Collaborative Agreement for the provision of Healthcare Soft FM Services to be utilised by Central Government Departments and all other UK Public Sector Bodies, including Local Authorities, Health, Police, Fire and Rescue, Education and Devolved Administrations.

The lotting structure of this framework covers a variety of Soft FM and Hotel Services typically bought by the NHS including: Waste, Catering, Linen & Laundry, Cleaning, Security, Reception Services, Portering and Grounds Maintenance.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £3,500,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Standard Wash Linen and Laundry Services

Lot No

Lot 1a

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 18000000 Clothing, footwear, luggage articles and accessories
- 39000000 Furniture (incl. office furniture), furnishings, domestic appliances (excl. lighting) and cleaning products
- 50830000 Repair services of garments and textiles
- 98300000 Miscellaneous services
- 98310000 Washing and dry-cleaning services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Suppliers appointed to Lot 1A will be responsible for the provision of standard wash linen and laundry services, including the processing (wash and finish) and transportation (collection and return) of linen items to Buyers;

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £230,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial duration of the Framework is 36 months, with an option to extend for a further 12 months.

CCS reserve the right to extend lots by varying durations

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Specialist Laundry Services (Theatre Packs)

Lot No

Lot 1b

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 18000000 Clothing, footwear, luggage articles and accessories
- 39000000 Furniture (incl. office furniture), furnishings, domestic appliances (excl. lighting) and cleaning products
- 50830000 Repair services of garments and textiles
- 98300000 Miscellaneous services
- 98310000 Washing and dry-cleaning services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Suppliers appointed to Lot 1B will be responsible for the provision of Specialist Laundry Services (theatre packs and drapes) including the processing (wash and finish) and transportation (collection and return) of items, which are hired to the Buyer from the Supplier;

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £40,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial duration of the Framework is 36 months, with an option to extend for a further 12 months.

CCS reserve the right to extend lots by varying durations

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Standard Wash Linen and Laundry Services and Theatre Packs

Lot No

Lot 1c

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 18000000 Clothing, footwear, luggage articles and accessories
- 39000000 Furniture (incl. office furniture), furnishings, domestic appliances (excl. lighting) and cleaning products
- 50830000 Repair services of garments and textiles
- 98300000 Miscellaneous services
- 98310000 Washing and dry-cleaning services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Suppliers appointed to Lot 1C will be responsible for the provision of standard wash linen and laundry services and Specialist Laundry Services (theatre packs and drapes);

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £100,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial duration of the Framework is 36 months, with an option to extend for a further 12 months.

CCS reserve the right to extend lots by varying durations

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Specialist Cleanroom Laundry Services

Lot No

Lot 1d

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 18000000 Clothing, footwear, luggage articles and accessories
- 39000000 Furniture (incl. office furniture), furnishings, domestic appliances (excl. lighting) and cleaning products
- 50830000 Repair services of garments and textiles
- 98300000 Miscellaneous services
- 98310000 Washing and dry-cleaning services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Suppliers appointed to Lot 1D will be responsible for the provision of Specialist Cleanroom Laundry Services including the processing (wash and finish) and transportation (collection and return) of cleanroom garments at the ISO classification specified by the Buyer at the Call-Off stage;

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £40,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial duration of the Framework is 36 months, with an option to extend for a further

12 months.

CCS reserve the right to extend lots by varying durations

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

General Cleaning Services and Pest Control

Lot No

Lot 2a

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 39000000 Furniture (incl. office furniture), furnishings, domestic appliances (excl. lighting) and cleaning products
- 42900000 Miscellaneous general and special-purpose machinery
- 45452000 Exterior cleaning work for buildings
- 85112000 Hospital support services
- 90000000 Sewage, refuse, cleaning and environmental services
- 98300000 Miscellaneous services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Suppliers appointed to Lot 2A will be responsible for the provision of routine cleaning to enhance the patient environment of the Buyers Premises in accordance with national standards for cleaning and infection control and prevention. The Suppliers appointed to Lot 2A will be responsible for the provision of a range of Pest Control Services.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £250,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial duration of the Framework is 36 months, with an option to extend for a further 12 months.

CCS reserve the right to extend lots by varying durations

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union

funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Ambulance and Vehicle Deep Clean Services

Lot No

Lot 2b

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 39000000 Furniture (incl. office furniture), furnishings, domestic appliances (excl. lighting) and cleaning products
- 42900000 Miscellaneous general and special-purpose machinery
- 85112000 Hospital support services
- 90000000 Sewage, refuse, cleaning and environmental services
- 98300000 Miscellaneous services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Suppliers appointed to Lot 2B will be responsible for the provision of specialist cleaning and make ready services for ambulances and vehicles associated with the delivery of clinical services.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £60,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial duration of the Framework is 36 months, with an option to extend for a further 12 months.

CCS reserve the right to extend lots by varying durations

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Non-Hazardous Clinical Waste

Lot No

Lot 3a

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34928480 Waste and rubbish containers and bins
- 44613800 Containers for waste material

- 90000000 Sewage, refuse, cleaning and environmental services
- 90500000 Refuse and waste related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Suppliers appointed to Lot 3A will be responsible for the provision of Waste Management Services for non-hazardous clinical wastes on behalf of the Buyer(s).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £240,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial duration of the Framework is 36 months, with an option to extend for a further 12 months.

CCS reserve the right to extend lots by varying durations

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Hazardous Clinical Waste

Lot No

Lot 3b

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34928480 Waste and rubbish containers and bins
- 44613800 Containers for waste material
- 90000000 Sewage, refuse, cleaning and environmental services
- 90500000 Refuse and waste related services
- 90520000 Radioactive-, toxic-, medical- and hazardous waste services
- 90523000 Toxic waste disposal services except radioactive waste and contaminated soil

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Suppliers appointed to Lot 3B will be responsible for the provision of Waste Management Services for hazardous clinical wastes on behalf of the Buyer(s).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £240,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial duration of the Framework is 36 months, with an option to extend for a further 12 months.

CCS reserve the right to extend lots by varying durations

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

General Waste (Hazardous and Non-Hazardous)

Lot No

Lot 3c

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34928480 Waste and rubbish containers and bins
- 44613800 Containers for waste material
- 90000000 Sewage, refuse, cleaning and environmental services
- 90500000 Refuse and waste related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Suppliers appointed to Lot 3C will be responsible for the provision of Waste Management Services for both hazardous and non-hazardous general wastes on behalf of the Buyer(s).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £240,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial duration of the Framework is 36 months, with an option to extend for a further 12 months.

CCS reserve the right to extend lots by varying durations

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Recyclable General Waste

Lot No

Lot 3d

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34928480 Waste and rubbish containers and bins
- 44613800 Containers for waste material
- 90000000 Sewage, refuse, cleaning and environmental services
- 90500000 Refuse and waste related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Suppliers appointed to Lot 3D will be responsible for the provision of Waste Management Services for recyclable wastes on behalf of the Buyer(s).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £50,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial duration of the Framework is 36 months, with an option to extend for a further 12 months.

CCS reserve the right to extend lots by varying durations

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Confidential Waste

Lot No

Lot 3e

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34928480 Waste and rubbish containers and bins
- 44613800 Containers for waste material
- 90000000 Sewage, refuse, cleaning and environmental services
- 90500000 Refuse and waste related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Suppliers appointed to Lot 3E will be responsible for the provision of Waste Management Services for confidential wastes on behalf of the Buyer(s).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £50,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial duration of the Framework is 36 months, with an option to extend for a further 12 months.

CCS reserve the right to extend lots by varying durations

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Feminine Hygiene Waste

Lot No

Lot 3f

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34928480 Waste and rubbish containers and bins
- 44613800 Containers for waste material
- 90000000 Sewage, refuse, cleaning and environmental services
- 90500000 Refuse and waste related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Suppliers appointed to Lot 3F will be responsible for the provision of Waste Management Services for feminine hygiene wastes on behalf of the Buyer(s).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £50,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial duration of the Framework is 36 months, with an option to extend for a further 12 months.

CCS reserve the right to extend lots by varying durations

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Total Waste Management Service

Lot No

Lot 3g

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34928480 Waste and rubbish containers and bins
- 44613800 Containers for waste material
- 90000000 Sewage, refuse, cleaning and environmental services
- 90500000 Refuse and waste related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Suppliers appointed to Lot 3g will be capable of delivering all Services included within Lots 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 3E and 3F as a total waste management service.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £200,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial duration of the Framework is 36 months, with an option to extend for a further 12 months.

CCS reserve the right to extend lots by varying durations

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Patient Catering

Lot No

Lot 4a

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 15800000 Miscellaneous food products
- 33692200 Parenteral nutrition products
- 39310000 Catering equipment
- 55000000 Hotel, restaurant and retail trade services
- 55500000 Canteen and catering services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Suppliers appointed to Lot 4A will be responsible for the provision of a healthy, nutritious and appetising full meal service to patients including both in-patients and day

patients (where required).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £200,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial duration of the Framework is 36 months, with an option to extend for a further 12 months.

CCS reserve the right to extend lots by varying durations

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Retail Catering and Hospitality Services

Lot No

Lot 4b

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 15800000 Miscellaneous food products
- 33692200 Parenteral nutrition products
- 39310000 Catering equipment
- 55000000 Hotel, restaurant and retail trade services
- 55500000 Canteen and catering services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Suppliers appointed to Lot 4B will be responsible for the provision of an appealing and healthy range of retail catering solutions and hospitality services for visitors and staff.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £30,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial duration of the Framework is 36 months, with an option to extend for a further 12 months.

CCS reserve the right to extend lots by varying durations

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Bundled Soft FM

Lot No

Lot 5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 15800000 Miscellaneous food products
- 18000000 Clothing, footwear, luggage articles and accessories
- 31625000 Burglar and fire alarms
- 32223000 Video transmission apparatus
- 33692200 Parenteral nutrition products
- 34928480 Waste and rubbish containers and bins

- 35000000 Security, fire-fighting, police and defence equipment
- 38500000 Checking and testing apparatus
- 39000000 Furniture (incl. office furniture), furnishings, domestic appliances (excl. lighting) and cleaning products
- 42900000 Miscellaneous general and special-purpose machinery
- 44000000 Construction structures and materials; auxiliary products to construction (except electric apparatus)
- 45000000 Construction work
- 48000000 Software package and information systems
- 50000000 Repair and maintenance services
- 55000000 Hotel, restaurant and retail trade services
- 55500000 Canteen and catering services
- 60120000 Taxi services
- 63712400 Parking services
- 71000000 Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services
- 75000000 Administration, defence and social security services
- 77000000 Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 79000000 Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 79993100 Facilities management services
- 85112000 Hospital support services
- 90000000 Sewage, refuse, cleaning and environmental services
- 90500000 Refuse and waste related services
- 98300000 Miscellaneous services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK United Kingdom
- II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Suppliers appointed to Lot 5 will be responsible for the provision of two or more services from Lots 1a - 1d, 2a, 3a - 3g, 4a - 4b or additional services for grounds maintenance, security, porterage and logistics, and visitor support services

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,480,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial duration of the Framework is 36 months, with an option to extend for a further 12 months.

CCS reserve the right to extend lots by varying durations

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

Candidates will be assessed in accordance with Section 5 of the 2015 Public Contract Regulations (implementing the directive) on the basis of information provided in response to an invitation to tender (ITT) registering for access.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: <u>2022/S 000-024557</u>

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

26 September 2023

Local time

3:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Tender must be valid until: 24 March 2024

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

26 September 2023

Local time

3:01pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

As part of this contract notice the following documents can be accessed at: <u>https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/0cd7f2f9-4a25-47e9-a36f-2ded0734ac1</u>

1) Contract notice transparency information for the agreement;

2) Contract notice authorised customer list;

3) Rights reserved for CCS framework.

The Government Security Classifications (GSC) Policy came into force on 2 April 2014 and describes how HM Government classifies information assets to ensure they are appropriately protected. It applies to all information that the Government collects, stores, processes, generates or shares to deliver services and conduct business. This link provides information on the GSC at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications

Cyber Essentials is a mandatory requirement for Central Government contracts which involve handling personal information or provide certain ICT products/services. Government is taking steps to reduce the levels of cyber security risk in its supply chain through the Cyber Essentials scheme. The scheme defines a set of controls which, when implemented, will provide organisations with basic protection from the most prevalent forms of threat coming from the internet. To participate in this procurement, bidders must be able to demonstrate they comply with the technical requirements prescribed by Cyber Essentials, for services under and in connection with this procurement.

Refer to <u>https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/information/cyber-essentials-faqs</u> for more information.

Some purchases under this framework Agreement may have requirements that can be met under this Framework Agreement but the purchase of which may be exempt from the Procurement Regulations (as defined in Attachment 1 – About the framework within the invitation to tender documentation). In such cases, Call-offs from this Framework will be unregulated purchases for the purposes of the Procurement Regulations, and the buyers may, at their discretion, modify the terms of the Framework and any Call-off Contracts to reflect that buyer's specific needs.

In each Lot, there is no limit on the number of places on the framework. The competition process is set out in the ITT documentation.

Registering for access:

This procurement will be managed electronically via the eSourcing suite. This will be the

route for sharing all information and communicating with bidders. If you have recently registered on the eSourcing suite for another CCS procurement you can use the same account for this new procurement. If not, you will first need to register your organisation on the portal.

Use the following link for information on how register and use the eSourcing tool: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/esourcing-tool-guidance-for-suppliers</u>

For assistance please contact the eSourcing Help desk operated by email at <u>eEnablement@crowncommercial.gov.uk</u> or call 0345 410 2222.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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