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Award

Conflict, Stability & Security Fund (CSSF) Framework Re-Tender 2018 - Extension and Value Uplift

Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Conflict, Stability & Security Fund (CSSF) Framework Re-Tender 2018 - Extension and Value Uplift

Reference number

CPG/2350/2018

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75200000 - Provision of services to the community

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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- security,
- defence,
- peacekeeping,
- peace-building and
- stability activity, using both Official Development Assistance (ODA) and non-ODA funding.

Further information on the CSSF's work and its impact is available in our annual report.

Due to unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances outside of the Authority's control, namely the Covid-19 pandemic, the exit of Western Forces from Afghanistan, and current conflicts, the Authority has seen significantly higher reliance on the CSSF Framework than originally forecast when procured in 2018.

The Authority's requirements demand continued access to place contracts within the

scope of the CSSF Framework in order to meet urgent operational needs and respond to evolving circumstances including the crises referenced above.

Recognising the need for a long-term solution, the Authority is already undertaking the re-procurement of the CSSF Framework to provide a sustainable basis for meeting these requirements. In the short term however, the Authority considers it necessary to:

- i) increase the upper value limit of the CSSF Framework from £300,000,000 to £500,000,000; and
- ii) extend the term of the current CSSF Framework from 31/12/22 to 30/06/23.

This short extension will enable the re-procurement of the CSSF Framework to be completed without disruption to the routine operations of the Authority, and mitigates the risks the Authority would face as a result of any such disruptions. This is considered by the Authority to be a necessary step as a new procurement could not be completed in a satisfactory manner before the expiry of the current CSSF Framework without extension and alternatives would entail significant inconvenience and potential increase in costs for the Authority.

The economic operators originally appointed to the CSSF Framework are as listed within the Contract Award Notice (2019/S 016-034785).

The link to the notice is:

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Please see Contract Award Notice (2019/S 016-034785)

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £500,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Due to unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances outside of the Authority's control, namely the Covid-19 pandemic, the exit of Western Forces from Afghanistan, and current conflicts, the Authority intends to increase the upper value limit of the Framework from £300,000,000 to £500,000,000.

Due to the unforeseen and unavoidable increased resource demands placed on the Authority related to current conflicts, the Authority also intends to extend the end date of the current CSSF Framework from 31/12/22 to 30/06/23. This short extension will enable the re-procurement of the CSSF Framework to be completed without disruption to the routine operations of the Authority, and mitigates the risks the Authority would face as a result of any such disruptions.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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 IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The contract has its object services listed in Annex II B

Explanation:

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IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2019/S 016-034785](#)

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

CPG/1493/2018

Title

Conflict, Stability & Security Fund (CSSF) Framework Re-Tender 2018 - Extension and Value Uplift

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

3 August 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Please see Contract Award Notice (2019/S 016-034785)

Various

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Various

Various

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £300,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £500,000,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

All or certain subcontracts will be awarded through a competitive procedure

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Via FCDO eProcurement BRAVO portal

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Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Via FCDO eProcurement BRAVO portal

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Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Official name: Via FCDO e-Procurement BRAVO portal

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