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## **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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Main address

[www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-development-office](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-development-office)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **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:

<https://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:034785-2019:TEXT:EN:HTML>

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

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## 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](#)

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## **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

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

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

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## **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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Country

United Kingdom