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## **Data Analysis Tool - RASSO Predatory Behaviours**

Police Digital Service

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

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

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Main address

<https://pds.police.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/94392>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

[https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance\\_s.asp?PID=72128&B=BLUELIGHT](https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=72128&B=BLUELIGHT)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Public order and safety

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Data Analysis Tool - RASSO Predatory Behaviours

Reference number

PDSCN-287-2023

#### **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**

Declaration of interest to participate in a preliminary market consultation process and possible further Police Digital Service (PDS) Rape and Serious Sexual Offences (RASSO) awareness sessions for an AI based automated Data Analysis Tool - RASSO Predatory Behaviours system requirements.

#### **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**

PDS is seeking to undertake market engagement to inform supplier interest and capability

with regards provision of a data analysis tool which dynamically identifies and reports predatory behaviours from purely text-based information, that could be used to support Criminal Justice and national security system investigations.

This capability would facilitate information gathering and presentation to accelerate the decisions to proceed, charge and prosecute throughout a highly sensitive RASSO case. The intended solution requires AI based automation to minimise interaction from operational colleagues.

Consultation is expected to inform PDS on supplier interest/capability. Draft requirements will be shared with interested suppliers who meet the security vetting requirements (police vetting at NPPV3 level, issued by the Warwickshire Police National Contractor Vetting Scheme (NCVS)).

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

This PIN is to signal an intention to commence market engagement with new and existing interested suppliers and share high level draft requirements & indicative procurement timelines, with suppliers who meet the security requirements.

The estimated date of publication is subject to change. To participate, please refer to Section VI.3 (Additional Information) below.

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

8 January 2024

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### **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: No

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

Victims of rape and serious sexual offenses (RASSO) in the UK are being failed by the criminal justice system.

In 2021, the Home Office published the End-to-End Rape Review which highlighted that 'the vast majority of victims do not see the crime against them charged and reach a court: one in two victims withdraw from rape investigations'.

As a result of the review, UK Policing made a number of commitments to improve the end-to-end investigation of RASSO and most importantly bring more offenders to justice.

The procurement is in support of a national programme to identify innovative technologies that can provide a positive step-change in the way RASSO is investigated across the UK to better meet the needs of law enforcement and victims of crime – this PIN relates specifically to an AI based data analysis capability which can dynamically identify and reports RASSO predatory behaviours from purely text-based information.

What you need to do now:

1. If not registered on EU Supply please do so
2. Register your interest and submit a brief statement/ summary explaining your interest/ capability via EU Supply no later than 1200 30 September 2023.
3. Ensure you return your completed NDA no later than 1200 06 October 2023.
4. Please ensure you would be free to attend a possible RASSO technology awareness session to be held in a central London location week commencing 16 October 2023, however attendance is subject to the following criteria:
  - Attendee Numbers – Maximum of two (2) persons only per supplier.
  - Vetting – All attendees to have either current NPPV3 or SC clearance as a minimum issued by the Warwickshire Police National Contractor Vetting Scheme (NCVS), evidence of which must be provided by 1200 06 October 2023.
  - NDA – upon receipt of expression of interest via EU Supply all interested suppliers will be issued an NDA which must be signed and returned by no later than 1200 06 October 2023 .

- Attendance – Upon return of a signed NDA and confirmation of security vetting credentials, venue details and draft requirements will be forwarded to attendees. Please note that substitute attendees, without the required vetting clearance and a signed NDA, will not be able to attend the briefing session. Documents will be restricted view for those individuals who have met the above stated security requirements. Should suppliers withdraw from the process at any stage, all documentation must be securely disposed of and confirmation provided via EU Supply.

Suppliers should note that any interest shown does not constitute a commitment to participate in any future tendering exercise. Non participation in this market engagement process does not preclude any suppliers from participating in any future procurement process.

Confirmation – ALL communication regarding this opportunity, attendance at the briefing session, the NDA and security vetting MUST be sent to Kenny Stewart via the EU Supply portal.

**NB: NO OTHER FORM OF COMMUNICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THIS STAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY.**