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UK PACT (Partnering for Accelerated Climate Transitions)

Business Energy & Industrial Strategy

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

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

<https://bit.ly/3l8deM1>

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

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

UK PACT (Partnering for Accelerated Climate Transitions)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

UK PACT (Partnering for Accelerated Climate Transitions) is the UK's flagship climate technical assistance programme. The programme supports partner countries eligible for Official Development Assistance (ODA) to implement and increase their ambitions for carbon emission reductions and to accelerate their transition to clean growth.

The programme is funded by the UK Government, under the International Climate Finance (ICF) portfolio, as part of the UK Government's £11.6 billion commitment to support ODA-eligible countries to respond to the challenges and opportunities of climate change.

To support delivery of these goals, the Prime Minister recently announced the UK PACT programme will be extended with at least £200 million of new funding.

UK PACT will be commencing initial market engagement in October 2021, ahead of launching a procurement in early 2022. This procurement will be for the delivery of new Services on behalf of UK PACT from Autumn 2022 and to take over all remaining services from existing UK PACT Delivery Partners whose contracts expire in the first half of 2023. The new Services will be envisaged to run until 2027.

UK PACT provides grant funding and skill-shares Services for innovative and transformation projects across a current portfolio of 16 countries. Delivery Partners are contracted to deliver these Grant fund and Skill-share & Secondment management Services on behalf of the Authority.

Currently, a Delivery Partner will award Grants to Recipients, such as but not limited to Non-Government Organisations, local organisations, or charities who operate across a

range of strategically important climate change areas such green finance, forests, clean energy and energy efficiency and sustainable transport. UK PACT also facilitates the sharing of specialist technical expertise with a Delivery Partner managing the delivery of Skill-shares and Secondments of individuals with high priority country partners.

UK PACT projects and skill-shares are delivered via three routes:

Country Programmes (roughly 70% of the total Fund value) awards Grant funding for capacity building projects in UK PACT's 8 - 10 partner countries' priority sectors, as agreed with the government of the country. Currently the UK PACT Country Programmes operates in eight countries - China, Colombia, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria and South Africa - and this number is expected to increase to a maximum of 10 for the new Services to be procured.

Green Recovery Challenge Fund (GRCF) (roughly 25% of the total Fund value) awards Grant-funding support for innovative capacity-building projects to promote emissions reductions and low carbon growth. The GRCF supports a broader range of ODA-eligible countries, including testing new markets for future UK PACT Country Programmes. The GRCF has previously funded projects in Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Nigeria, Peru and Thailand.

Skill-Shares and Secondments (roughly 5% of the total Fund value) supports partner countries through peer-to-peer capacity building and knowledge exchange. This includes short-term peer-to-peer skill shares with country counterparts and long-term secondments into key institutions. Skill-shares and Secondments occur with any country eligible for UK PACT Country Programmes or Challenge Fund. The skill-shares component manages a roster of around 200 contracted experts.

For further detail and background on the UK PACT programme, please visit www.ukpact.co.uk

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £340,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90710000 - Environmental management

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Grant funding to projects and Skill-shares & Secondments occur in eligible countries. In-country support will be part of the Services required and will be detailed in procurement documentation.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The existing Services are being delivered by three Delivery Partners and are under contract with BEIS until the first half of 2023. This procurement will see Services commencing in Autumn 2022 for new programme deliverables with a handover of all remaining services currently delivered by existing Delivery Partners by mid-2023 and are expected to continue until 2027. Services to be delivered include but are not limited to:

1. Grant Fund Management Services (for Country Programmes and GRCF components):

- Demand Scoping
- Capacity Assessment
- In-country market engagement
- Hosting of an internet Grant portal
- Running Grant Calls for Proposals including creation of competition documentation
- Evaluating Grant submissions
- Creating Grant documents (including completing due diligence on grant recipients)
- Management of the Grant Recipients during delivery
- Payment to Grant Recipients upon evidence of delivery
- Monitoring and Reporting of Grants
- Mobilising projects identified through other funding mechanisms

2. Skill-share and Secondment Management (for Skill-share and Secondment

component):

- Management of a Skill-shares & Secondment roster of individuals-transferring existing roster members to a new Delivery Partner as well as advertisement and evaluation of new members through to onboarding
- Management of the roster of specialists - including engagement events and responding to queries
- Training specialists before deployment
- Shortlisting and selection of specialists from the roster for Skill-share deployments
- Managing the welfare and performance of specialists whilst on deployments
- Managing the logistics of placing a specialist in a location
- Managing the security, accommodation and expenses of specialists with the host organisation
- Reviewing and ensuring quality of specialist's deliverables
- Managing close out of Skill-shares, including Monitoring Evaluation and Learning requirements and developing case studies

3. Engagement and Management (across all components):

- Providing support to Grant Recipients to mainstream Gender Equality and Social Inclusion considerations across all projects
- Identification and management of in-country partner organisations and individuals to support the Fund Management activities
- Creating and disseminating engagement products e.g. website updates, blog posts, LinkedIn and Twitter posts
- Managing the UK PACT website and mailing list
- Building capacity for Grant Recipients and facilitating knowledge sharing across the portfolio and between the three UK PACT components (Country Programmes, GRCF and Skills-Share and Secondments).
- UK PACT Contract Management, Steering and Governance requirements

The Prime Minister recently announced that £200m funding will be made available to deliver UK PACT. This figure may increase to up to £340m over a five-year period, subject to Ministerial approvals and the Spending Review.

Therefore, subject to final budget confirmation, it is estimated that UK PACT may seek to disperse £180m - £302m to Grant Recipients and Skill-shares & Secondments, with the Delivery Partner contract(s) for those management Services identified above expected to be between £20m and £37m in value, proportionate to total fund available. These values are provisional and subject to change and may not be reflective of final values given as part of the procurement documentation.

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), working with the Foreign Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) and Cabinet Office, has undertaken a delivery model assessment, using evidence and lessons learned from the delivery of the programme to date to inform how Services could be best delivered through Delivery Partners in the future.

Planned Market Engagement events will seek to gather the market's feedback of selected different delivery model types, prior to a preferred model being identified as well as provide the opportunity to comment on elements such as the proposed specification.

This procurement takes place following the UK Government's Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy in March 2021, which recommended the closer integration of Overseas Development Assistance spending, climate and green recovery and led to the creation of the FCDO. BEIS and the FCDO are therefore working closely together on this re-procurement activity. A final decision on whether BEIS or FCDO will be the contracting entity, will be made subject to the Spending Review outcome.

II.2.14) Additional information

Response to question II.1.6 may change depending on final Option agreed upon.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

24 January 2022

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

It is expected that there will be two Market Engagement events, an initial event in October 2021 and a detailed event in November 2021, which will precede Services procurement.

The first event will be an online market engagement event at 14:00 on 14 October 2021. This will consist of a presentation and will provide an overview of UK PACT and the proposed Services and delivery models for consideration.

Documents will be released after the event to those interested parties, including a questionnaire to gain feedback on the proposed Services and delivery model.

A second market engagement event will occur in late-November which will provide greater detail on the structure and content of the proposed procurement specification. Again, documents will be shared following this event to interested parties.

The responses received following each of the Market Engagement events form an important part of the procurement process and will inform the final content of the procurement.

If you wish to attend either event, or if you wish to be kept informed of all market engagement events and the future procurement, then please register your interest prior to the events by following this link here: <https://bit.ly/3l8deM1>. We will send invitations to join the event following receipt, as well as any additional communication and documentation.