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Planning

DF Finance, Benefits and Debt National

Ministry of Justice

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-justice/about/procurement>

I.3) Communication

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

Other activity

Probation Services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

DF Finance, Benefits and Debt National

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75231240 - Probation services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Authority is seeking to procure Finance, Benefits and Debt services for People on Probation within the majority of Probation Regions in England and Wales. The competition will be run via the Probation Dynamic Framework (PSDF) with an expected launch date

between November 21 and January 2022, and an indicative Contract Award Date of April 2022.

Having sufficient, lawfully obtained money to live on is key to rehabilitation, but some individuals will face significant problems achieving that financial security. Previous statistics suggest over 23,000 People on Probation had financial problems linked to offending such as low incomes, debt, disrupted access to benefits advice and insufficient income on release from prison. Ensuring that these individuals have sufficient, lawfully obtained money to live on and are able to manage their debts is key to rehabilitation and some will benefit from support to overcome significant problems in achieving that financial security.

Providers will be required to provide a broad range of Finance, Benefit and Debt Services and support, ensuring that People on Probation have the tools they need to overcome these barriers.

Each Probation Region is seeking to procure their services on a different geographical basis which cannot be confirmed at this point in time, further details will be provided to the sector once it is known.

Actions required:

1. Interested bidders should submit Selection Questionnaires in order to be qualified on to the Probation Service Dynamic Framework (PDSF) under service category DF.03 Finance, Benefits and Debt in order to then be invited to bid for these opportunities.

2. The Authority is also seeking for bidders to respond to a Request for Information (RFI) in order to inform the future content of the ITT and give bidders the ability to submit their views on various aspects of the specification and overall requirement. Bidders who wish to submit an RFI should contact probationDynamicFramework@justice.gov.uk for a copy of the RFI by no later than Friday 15th October 2021 for a submission deadline of Friday 22nd October 2021.

The Authority is happy to be contacted by any providers that may be able to provide services to these regions. Please contact us at ProbationDynamicFramework@justice.gov.uk. Please note, the procurement will be conducted through the PSDF. Only Providers who have submitted a PSDF SQ and qualified onto the PSDF under service category DF.03 Finance, Benefits and Debt will be invited to bid.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75230000 - Justice services
- 75231200 - Services related to the detention or rehabilitation of criminals
- 75231230 - Prison services
- 75231240 - Probation services
- 75310000 - Benefit services
- 85312500 - Rehabilitation services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)
- UKL - Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

As per the description in section 2

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

30 November 2021

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

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