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Planning

UKVI BUSINESS MIGRATION ENDORSING BODIES

The Secretary of State for the Home Office Department

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

The Secretary of State for the Home Office Department

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NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office/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

Public order and safety

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72221000 - Business analysis consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Home Office is seeking to improve immigration arrangements for entrepreneurial talent

from overseas, including further reform of the existing Innovator route. Applicants to the route must have an innovative, viable and scalable business idea which has been endorsed by an approved home office organisation. (Endorsing bodies)

The service requires Endorsing Bodies to assess the credibility and potential of business proposals and to oversee the successful implementation and delivery of businesses subsequently set up in United Kingdom

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £3,500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79412000 - Financial management consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Home Office is seeking to improve immigration arrangements for entrepreneurial talent from overseas, including further reform of the existing routes.

As an example one of the routes (Innovator route) offers a pathway for the worlds brightest and best entrepreneurs looking to come to the UK to establish new and pioneering businesses in the UK with the potential for high and early growth. Applicants to the route must have an innovative, viable and scalable business idea which is supported by an Endorsing Body.

The role of Endorsing Bodies in assessing the credibility and potential of business proposals, is key to the effective operation of the routes. The Home Office currently has 56 different Endorsing Bodies, and the purpose of this tendering exercise is to put the endorsing body relationship on a commercial footing allowing the system to be streamlined and scaled to

ensure the best candidate business founders are identified and allowing a smooth and efficient process for migrants.

The Home Office's intention is to launch a competition early in 2022 to find new provider or providers to deliver Endorsing Bodies services throughout the UK. Bids will be welcomed from single organisations, and it is the intention that a number of single contracts will be awarded. The number of Endorsing Bodies taken on to the route will be dictated by the quality and number of bids. There is potential for the service requirement in respect of the role of Endorsing Bodies in supporting business migration to expand beyond current arrangements, and further information about this will be provided in due course.

Indicative timescales are of competition launch in early 2022, these dates are indicative only, and may be subject to change.

Following the publication of this PIN, there will be a Supplier Event in order to engage with potential bidders and provide further information, and to afford prospective bidders an opportunity to ask questions.

II.2.14) Additional information

Prospective suppliers are invited to express an interest in the provision of services by e-mailing the project at the address given at section I.1. of this notice.

The Authority uses an eSourcing toolkit to enable its sourcing activities to be conducted over the internet.

Further documentation will be made available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge via the eSourcing portal,

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

25 February 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: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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Further documentation will be made available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge via the eSourcing portal, subject to interested parties signing a confidentiality (Non Disclosure) agreement first.

Any organisation intending to submit an expression of interest must be registered as a supplier with the Home office eSourcing Portal. To register, visit the portal's login page at <https://homeoffice.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>. Technical assistance on use of the e-Sourcing Suite can be accessed via the same website.

It should also be noted that the Authority through the Project Team intends to facilitate a Supplier Open Day which is currently planned for early November 2021. The Authority will also, if requested, facilitate the communication of an organisation's details to other prospective bidders who may not want to bid in their own right but may be interested in bidding to supply the services via either a joint venture or sub-contract arrangement.

The Contract Notice is expected to be published in early 2022.

In the meantime, please e-mail your interest in the project with your contact details and any queries to the project team using the email address in section I.1 above. Further information and relevant instructions will be provided at that point