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Crown Hosting II

Crown Commercial Service

F14: Notice for changes or additional information

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03131c

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/ccs>

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Crown Hosting II

Reference number

RM6262

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 70220000 - Non-residential property renting or leasing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This single supplier framework relates to the rental of managed premises (data centre colocation facilities) and provision of associated products and services. Specifically, rental of highly secure premises across at least three locations separated by no less than 15km, suitable for HMG data at all security classifications and critical to the continued running of the nation. Associated products and services will include; data network connectivity on-site, between and from Crown Hosting Data Centres, on-site assistance to remote IT service personnel, ICT relocation services and procurement assistance.

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.6) Original notice reference

Notice number: [2022/S 000-003201](#)

Section VII. Changes

VII.1.2) Text to be corrected in the original notice

Section number

I.1

Place of text to be modified

Email Address

Instead of

Text

supplier@crowcommercial.gov.uk

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Text

crownhosting2veat@crowcommercial.gov.uk

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Annex D3

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3. Explanation

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Text

The actual proposed contract start date will be on or around 15 March 2023.

The purpose of this VEAT notice is to provide sufficient notice of the intention to award a seven (7) year framework in accordance with Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) of the PCR 2015, which permits the contract to be awarded without prior publication where competition is absent for technical reasons.

Having reviewed its requirements for this framework, CCS has concluded that an award to the supplier is permissible under Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) because this supplier is the only supplier in the market that can provide the collocation premises product types suitable to

meet (i) the high security classification requirements and/or (ii) support services critical to the national interest, of customers that will require rental data space/premises services.

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overall diminishing of potential data centre business, especially that with a security classification of OFFICIAL, and so a greater proportion of continued data centre requirements are those that are critical to the national interest and or have higher security classifications.

Consequently requirements include:

- Very high physical, operational and electronic security requirements associated with critical HMG ICT

operating at all security classifications and across all threat levels;

- The mandated provision of facilities within the maximum lead times ranging from 1 month for multiple rack spaces immediately able to accept customer ICT, to 6 (six) months for multiple large data halls including whole data centre buildings; and
- The ability of customers to terminate for convenience without penalty some or all of their license to occupy premises with as little as 30 (thirty) days notice, providing the supplier no benefit of assured occupancy.

CCS has determined that a seven (7) year framework is justifiable. It enables multiple customers to start and complete their four (4) year relocation programmes. This provides for three (3) years where customers can start and complete relocation within the framework agreement period. The alternate of the more common four (4) year framework agreement period would be insufficient for a large data centre relocation programme to start and finish before the framework agreement had expired.

Other Information

Subject to CCS receiving no responses to this VEAT notice, it shall commence negotiations with the supplier with the intention of awarding the contract on or around 15 March 2023.

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4 October 2022