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## **Digital Specialists and Programmes (DSP)**

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service

F02: Contract notice

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

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

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

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

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://crowncommercialservice.bravosolution.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://crowncommercialservice.bravosolution.co.uk>

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Digital Specialists and Programmes (DSP)

Reference number

RM6263

#### **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**

Crown Commercial Service (CCS) as the Authority intends to put in place a Pan Government Collaborative Agreement for the provision of Digital, Data and Technology (DDaT) specialists and facilitate large-scale digital transformation programmes to be utilised by Central Government Departments and all other UK Public Sector Bodies, including Local Authorities, Health, Police, Fire and Rescue, Education and Devolved Administrations.

The lotting structure of this framework is as follows:

Lot 1 - Digital Programmes

Lot 2 - Digital Specialists

Further information is included in the Additional Information section VI.3.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £4,000,000,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Digital Programmes

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 72230000 - Custom software development services
- 72231000 - Development of software for military applications
- 72232000 - Development of transaction processing and custom software
- 72240000 - Systems analysis and programming services
- 72241000 - Critical design target specification services
- 72242000 - Design-modelling services
- 72243000 - Programming services
- 72244000 - Prototyping services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Digital Programmes will provide Supplier Staff to deliver strategic objectives through group(s) of projects that involve research, test, design, build, release, iteration, support and/or retirement of digital services, outcomes and deliverables. Buyers will define their specific requirements covered by the programme in their Statement of Requirements.

The Supplier must work according to:

? the Technology Code of Practice,

? and understand what it means to work on one of the Discovery, Beta, Live or Retirement phases described in the Service Manual. and support Buyers:

? to comply with the above through successful Service Standard assessments:  
<https://www.gov.uk/service-manual/digital-by-default>

? to develop Services based on Open Standards Principles and accessible data protocols, to ensure they are interoperable: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-standards-principles/open-standards-principles>

? to comply with any adopted open standards that are compulsory in government:  
<http://standards.data.gov.uk/challenges/adopted> Suppliers under this Lot are required to have the capability and capacity to provide the following Service Provisions that will comprise the group(s) of related projects to achieve the strategic objectives of a programme:

? DevOps Services support for ongoing live services;

? Digital Definition Services. Either separately or combined Discovery and /or Alpha phases;

? Build and Transition Services either separately, combining Beta phase and/or Retirement phases (including transition to Live). It is anticipated that Live will be covered by an appropriate competition for DevOps Services;

? End-to-End Development Services with the ability to combine the full set of agile phases of Discovery through to Live; and

? Data Management (and similar) Services primarily targeted at building, enhancing and maintaining data assets, migrating data from one system to another and analysis and reporting from such data assets.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial duration of the Framework is 2 years, with an option to extend for 12 months plus additional 12 months.

CCS reserve the right to extend lots by varying durations.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Digital Specialists

Lot No

2

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 72230000 - Custom software development services
- 72231000 - Development of software for military applications

- 72232000 - Development of transaction processing and custom software
- 72240000 - Systems analysis and programming services
- 72241000 - Critical design target specification services
- 72242000 - Design-modelling services
- 72243000 - Programming services
- 72244000 - Prototyping services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Digital Specialists Suppliers will provide Buyers with individual Digital, Data and Technology (DDaT) specialist(s) at identified role (or roles) to deliver a specific outcome (or specific outcomes) on a service, programme and/or project. Buyers will define their specific requirements in their Statement of Requirements.

Digital specialists suppliers must:

- ? only provide specialists from their own existing team or through identified key subcontractors,
- ? offer evidence of competence in each role if requested by the buyer,
- ? ensure all roles support the government service design manual's description (<https://www.gov.uk/service-manual/the-team>) of what you need to build a successful service. Digital specialists suppliers must provide all the Digital, Data and Technology (DDaT) roles to be defined in the Framework Specification Any supplier wishing to provide services through an Agency model should be aware that other CCS agreements are available to offer services as an Agency.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000,000

**II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

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48

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

Candidates will be assessed in accordance with Section 5 of the 2015 Public Contract Regulations (implementing the directive) on the basis of information provided in response to an invitation to tender (ITT) registering for access.

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-022995](#)

**IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

16 November 2021

Local time

12:00pm

**IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

**IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

16 November 2021

Local time

12:01pm

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### VI.3) Additional information

As part of this contract notice the following documents can be accessed at

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/4e72e444-41b6-4a8f-8ef1-367bea21ea0f>

- 1) Contract notice transparency information for the agreement;
- 2) Contract notice authorised customer list;
- 3) Rights reserved for CCS framework.

On 2.4.2014 Government introduced its Government Security Classifications (GSC) scheme which replaced Government Protective Marking Scheme (GPMS). A key aspect is the reduction in the number of security classifications used. All bidders should make themselves aware of the changes as it may impact this requirement. This link provides information on the GSC at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications>

Cyber Essentials is a mandatory requirement for Central Government contracts which involve handling personal information or provide certain ICT products/services. Government is taking steps to reduce the levels of cyber security risk in its supply chain through the Cyber Essentials scheme. The scheme defines a set of controls which, when implemented, will provide organisations with basic protection from the most prevalent forms of threat coming from the internet. To participate in this procurement, bidders must be able to demonstrate they comply with the technical requirements prescribed by Cyber Essentials, for services under and in connection with this procurement.

Refer to <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/information/cyber-essentials-faqs> for more information.

Some purchases under this framework Agreement may have requirements that can be met under this Framework Agreement but the purchase of which may be exempt from the Procurement Regulations (as defined in Attachment 1 – About the framework within the invitation to tender documentation). In such cases, Call-offs from this Framework will be unregulated purchases for the purposes of the Procurement Regulations, and the buyers may, at their discretion, modify the terms of the Framework and any Call-off Contracts to reflect that buyer's specific needs.

CCS reserve the right to award a framework to any bidder whose final score is within 1% of the last position.

Registering for access:

This procurement will be managed electronically via the eSourcing suite. This will be the route for sharing all information and communicating with bidders. If you have recently registered on the eSourcing suite for another CCS procurement you can use the same account for this new procurement. If not, you will first need to register your organisation on the portal.

Use the following link for information on how register and use the eSourcing tool:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/esourcing-tool-guidance-for-suppliers>

For assistance please contact the eSourcing Help desk operated by email at  
[eEnablement@crowncommercial.gov.uk](mailto:eEnablement@crowncommercial.gov.uk) or call 0345 410 2222.

## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service

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