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Planning

Buying Better Foods

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Buying Better Foods

Reference number

RM6279

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 15000000 - Food, beverages, tobacco and related products

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

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 RM6279 Buying Better Food 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.

This will be an agreement managed with a single access point, using a single Tier 1 supplier as an umbrella to simplify the customer journey. This agreement will cover all public sector customers and all food and drink sub-categories, and we welcome the opportunity for single supplier's, a consortium or Special Procurement Vehicle (SPV) style approach to meet these requirements.

Our initial Contract value is estimated up to £100 million, and will be confirmed at Contract award.

On Wednesday 5th October 2022 CCS will be releasing the draft proposal of the Contract including Terms and Conditions for review by the market. CCS will be holding a Supplier Engagement Day in London on Wednesday 12th October 2022 to share our approach and project plan along with initial feedback. On Thursday 20th October 2022 CCS will hold virtual meetings for feedback on the proposed documentation.

Please contact our Food team to discuss in detail and arrange a 1-2-1 meeting.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £100,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 03100000 - Agricultural and horticultural products
- 03200000 - Cereals, potatoes, vegetables, fruits and nuts
- 03300000 - Farming, hunting and fishing products
- 03400000 - Forestry and logging products
- 15100000 - Animal products, meat and meat products
- 15200000 - Prepared and preserved fish
- 15300000 - Fruit, vegetables and related products
- 15400000 - Animal or vegetable oils and fats
- 15500000 - Dairy products
- 15600000 - Grain mill products, starches and starch products
- 15800000 - Miscellaneous food products
- 15900000 - Beverages, tobacco and related products
- 55300000 - Restaurant and food-serving services
- 55500000 - Canteen and catering services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This PIN Is an update on the RM 6279 commercial opportunity.

CCS are looking to procure a Food & Drink commercial solution that will:

Offer free digital access for public sector customers using the agreement

Be simple, quick and easy to use for customers

Support all food producers (including SMEs) in accessing public sector food opportunities

Support public sector food buyers in buying better quality, safer, sustainable food that meets The Government Buying Standards for Food

Support public sector customers in meeting carbon net zero goals

Build and monitor social value through public sector food procurement

Support sustainable food production

Support the reduction in food miles

Support the public sector in accessing local food produce at the right price

Offer regional supply and distribution networks

Support investment in local communities, equality and diversity, reduction in Modern Slavery risks, resource efficiency and environmental sustainability

Next day delivery capability for customers

The final structure of the Food & Drink commercial solution will be confirmed within the Contract Notice.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

30 January 2023

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

This prior information notice replaces the previous PIN issued on the 18/11/2021

<https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/028877-2021>

Crown Commercial Service invites suggestions and feedback on the proposed Agreement Contract including Terms and Conditions, from the market suppliers.

Our initial Contract value is estimated up to £100 million, and will be confirmed at Contract award.

Crown Commercial Service intends to hold market engagement sessions in London on Wednesday 12th October 2022 with suppliers interested in potentially bidding for the resulting framework contract. If you are interested in attending a market engagement session please express your interest by emailing food@crowncommercial.gov.uk no later than midday on Friday 7th October 2022. Further details will be provided to you.

Your email must clearly state: the name of your organisation, and contact details for the individual(s) who will participate in the market engagement.

A Future Opportunity on contract finder can be found here:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/b11f3e6a-dde0-4f9b-bbc6-07148d5fe225>