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Contract

## **Provision of OSCE Election Observation Monitors**

Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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**NUTS code**

UKI - London

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-development-office>

**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**

Provision of OSCE Election Observation Monitors

Reference number

CPG/6301/2021

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), the “contracting authority” issues this Contract Award Notice as it has established a single-supplier Framework Agreement with Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD) for the provision of Election Observation Monitors to Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Election Observation Missions, under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCRs).

The UK is a strong supporter of the OSCE Election Observation Missions (EOMs) carried out by the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR). The contribution of UK observers to EOMs demonstrates the UK's support for the work of ODIHR to promote democratic principles and institutions in the OSCE region.

The contracting authority has established a Framework Agreement with WFD to recruit and manage UK observers to ODIHR EOMs. WFD will:

1. Select, recruit, train and manage, on behalf of the contracting authority, UK observers to the OSCE's ODIHR EOMs in OSCE participating States.
2. Ensure observers are fully trained and aware of their responsibilities as independent observers.
3. Undertake all logistical arrangements to deploy the observers, including visas, travel, insurance, and accommodation.

The estimated spend of this framework agreement is approximately £3,000,000 over 3 years.

There will be no form of exclusivity or volume that is guaranteed under the resultant Framework Agreement and the contracting authority will be entitled to enter into other contracts and arrangements with other suppliers for the provision of any, or all, of the requirements which are the same as, or similar to those specified under the established Framework Agreement.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

Main site or place of performance

OSCE Participating States (<https://www.osce.org/participating-states>)

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

Please note that this is an award notice and the opportunity is now closed.

In accordance with the PCRs, the contracting authority has undertaken a compliant tender exercise via a Restricted (two-stage) procedure to establish a single-supplier Framework Agreement with the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD) to supply UK election observers to OSCE/ODIHR election observation missions. This tender exercise was evaluated on a Most Economically Advantageous Tender (MEAT) basis with a mix of technical and commercial evaluation criteria. WFD achieved the highest score overall and therefore are the successful bidder.

The contracting authority observed the obligatory standstill period in line with the ITT documentation and the PCRs. Following expiry of the standstill period, the contracting authority has now formally entered into a Framework Agreement with WFD.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 70%

Quality criterion - Name: Commercial / Weighting: 30%

Price - Weighting: 30%

## **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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Restricted procedure

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

#### **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 000-013694](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

27 October 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Westminster Foundation for Democracy

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,000,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court, Royal Courts of Justice

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The contracting authority incorporated a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the Framework Agreement was communicated to tenderers. This period allowed unsuccessful tenderers to challenge this decision before the Framework Agreement was signed (as appropriate). The standstill period expired midnight of 11th October 2021, no challenges were received. If an appeal regarding the award of the Framework Agreement has not been successfully resolved, The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or who are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).