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Planning

Market Engagement for Development of a TETRA/ MCX Interworking Gateway Solution for the Emergency Services Network (ESN)

Secretary of State for the Home Department

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-emergency-services-mobile-communications-programme/emergency-services-network>

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

Market Engagement for Development of a TETRA/ MCX Interworking Gateway Solution for the Emergency Services Network (ESN)

Reference number

C24990

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72212211 - Platform interconnectivity software development services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

During transition to ESN, communications between Emergency Service users must be maintained between the existing and future services through a key transitional technical solution described as "Interworking". This will allow members of a talk group on the legacy TETRA system to communicate with members of a corresponding communications group on ESN, and vice versa.

The Emergency Services Mobile Communications Programme (ESMCP) within the Home Office wishes to undertake research on the current market for suppliers capable of developing deploying and managing this TETRA/ MCX Interworking Gateway Solution for the Emergency Services Network (ESN).

This would include the following categories of requirement:

- Supply of an Interworking Gateway Product and related Services
- Deployment
- Technical Delivery and Validation.
- Additional Specialist Services.

This Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to notify the market that the ESMCP plans to host

supplier events and market sounding meetings to further develop its understanding of the current market. As such, ESMCP will be publishing a Request for Information in late September 2023 to enable suppliers to respond and participate in discussions in relation to their existing and potential solutions for the above categories.

The outcome will inform ESMCP decisions on future strategy and any new procurement activities. Any such decisions will be made solely at the Authority's discretion.

An online supplier briefing is planned to take place in early October 2023. Participants will be asked to sign a Non Disclosure Agreement (NDA) and potentially an Ethical Walls Agreement (EWA) to gain access to the RFI and briefing session.

To register interest, please e-mail ESMCPSupplier@homeoffice.gov.uk providing the relevant contact details in your organisation and requesting a copy of the NDA/ EWA agreement.

This PIN does not bind the Authority in any way to commence a procurement exercise for the requirements. We may discontinue this market engagement exercise at any time.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £15,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72211000 - Programming services of systems and user software
- 72212100 - Industry specific software development services
- 72212200 - Networking, Internet and intranet software development services
- 72212210 - Networking software development services
- 72212215 - Networking developers software development services
- 72212500 - Communication and multimedia software development services
- 72212510 - Communication software development services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Further information on the requirement is provided in the Request for Information (RFI).

II.2.14) Additional information

This Early Engagement notice is in relation to an early market engagement RFI process only and is not a call for competition.

Potential suppliers with an interest in the Programme and who provide services as outlined above are invited to express an interest in participating in this RFI by e-mailing ESMCPSupplier@homeoffice.gov.uk

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

15 January 2024

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