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Disaster Victim Identification Managed Services and Hosting - Prior Information Notice

Bluelight Commercial Ltd

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Public order and safety

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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Reference number

BLC00197

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

This is a Prior Information Notice (PIN) including a Request for Information (RFI) regarding Hosting and managed services for the Disaster Victim Identification Solution on behalf of the Home Office and Police Digital Services.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

30 August 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: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Bluelight Commercial on behalf of the Home Office and Police Digital Service are issuing this RFI to gather market intelligence/information. This will provide a better understanding of the capacity of the market for providing a managed service, a cloud hosting platform with software and data migration to the hosting platform that could be used for the Disaster Victim Identification software. The DVI product is provided by KMD PlassData. The solution is used by Police Forces and other Law Enforcement clients across the British Isles. This document is intended to set the scene for some early pre-market engagement with potential suppliers, such that the Home Office can test its thinking with the marketplace. The purpose of this is to enable the marketplace to provide information on compliance to high level requirements, timescales and rough order of magnitude costs, to enable early indications of compatibility with possible suppliers to deliver the needs of the Home Office. There is a focus on a supplier being able to migrate the current software and data (or install a new instance with archived data) to a cloud hosting platform they provide, as well as a managed service. The responses will be used by the Home Office to establish whether there are suitable suppliers for their needs and decide the future direction for DVI hosting. It is important to note that this PIN is not a call for competition and as such potential providers will need to express interest in any future tender opportunity once a contract notice is published in Find a Tender Service (FTS). This PIN is not a pre-qualification questionnaire and is not part of any pre-qualification or selection process and is intended as an awareness, communication, and information gathering exercise only to help inform a subsequent procurement exercise. If a subsequent procurement process is undertaken, this could be published in November/December 2024 under the new Procurement Act 2023. BlueLight Commercial encourage suppliers to get ready to operate under the new Procurement Act, please see our webpage which contains several useful resources.

<https://bluelightcommercial.police.uk/suppliers/procurement-act-2023/> BlueLight Commercial are utilising an electronic tendering portal (In-Tend) to manage this RFI and as such interested individuals and organisations will need to register on the portal to access the RFI documentation and return the completed RFI response document. Please note that it is free to register on In-Tend, which can be accessed via <https://sell2.in-tend.co.uk/blpd/publictenders> The RFI documentation (Reference: BLC0197) will be accessible from via the website with clarifications closing at 10:00:00 hours on 12th September 2024 and completed RFI responses must be submitted by 10:00:00 hours on 16th September 2024.