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CON-21-141 Cryptoasset Blockchain Analysis Platform

Financial Conduct Authority

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-London:-Financial-information-systems./35HK868YD8>

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Financial Regulator

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Financial Regulation

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

CON-21-141 Cryptoasset Blockchain Analysis Platform

Reference number

CON-21-141

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48812000 - Financial information systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

On 10th January 2020 the FCA became the anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing (AML/CTF) supervisor for firms carrying out certain in scope cryptoasset activity in the UK. The FCA is required under The Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017 (MLRs) to approve and register firms conducting in scope cryptoasset activities and ensure that these firms are effectively monitored to secure compliance with these regulations.

As the supervisor of in scope cryptoasset activity in the UK, the FCA requires access to specialist services to support the analysis of cryptoasset blockchain data. The FCA is seeking the services of a third-party firm specializing in this area who can provide access to a platform that can support the robust and efficient analysis of cryptoasset blockchain data and provide training and ongoing support in the use of this platform.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI4 - Inner London – East

Main site or place of performance

Inner London – East

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Under these regulations in scope cryptoasset firms are required to establish and maintain policies, controls and procedures to mitigate and manage effectively the risks of money laundering and terrorist financing.

The FCA is required to secure that any application for registration meets the relevant requirements of the MLRs and effectively monitor firms for which it is the supervisory authority. The FCA must take necessary measures for the purpose of securing compliance by firms with the requirements of the regulations. Relevant persons who contravene the requirements of the MLRs may be guilty of an offence under regulation 86 and liable to summary conviction or indictment.

A cryptoasset is a cryptographically secured digital representation of value or contractual rights that uses a form of distributed ledger technology and can be transferred, stored or traded electronically. One application of this distributed ledger technology is seen in the use of public blockchains which underpin popular cryptoassets such as bitcoin. For the purpose of this document the term cryptoasset blockchain data will refer to data that is recorded on the public distributed ledgers of cryptoassets.

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The analysis of cryptoasset blockchain data is an essential aspect of the FCA toolkit when approaching its duties as supervisor of firms carrying out certain cryptoasset activity in the

UK. The development of this capability is closely aligned with operational objectives of the FCA and has applications in the prevention of harm to consumers, in enhancing the integrity of the UK financial system and in promoting competition.

The FCA seeks a blockchain analysis solution which enhances our capability to:

- Perform analysis of cryptoasset blockchain data associated with in scope cryptoasset activity.
- Identify and respond to risks identified through the analysis of cryptoasset blockchain data.
- Use cryptoasset blockchain data to support the effective supervision of in scope cryptoasset activity, to support the development of intelligence and enforcement investigations as required.

The scope of this procurement exercise is to secure a platform that provides:

- The capability to visualize, review and export cryptoasset blockchain data to support FCA functions.
- Applies robust analytical techniques to support the efficient review of cryptoasset blockchain data including clustering and the aggregation of blockchain data.
- Provides data on attribution of cryptoasset addresses across a wide range of cryptoassets and blockchains.
- Supports users of the platform with training and specialist support on an ongoing basis.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £500,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: Yes

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.2.14) Additional information

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This contract may be subject to extensions up to a further 24 months

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

Date

16 December 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: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

16 December 2021

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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