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## **Trade and Investment Advocacy Fund (TAF2 Plus)**

Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://fcdo.bravosolution.co.uk/>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Diplomacy and Development

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Trade and Investment Advocacy Fund (TAF2 Plus)

Reference number

project\_8566

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

This notice is to advise of a variation to the current contract for the provision of services to deliver Trade and Investment Advocacy Fund (TAF2 Plus). The contract commenced on 22 February 2017 and was due for the expiry on 22 February 2025. FCDO plans to extend the contract to 30 June 2025.

The contract will be extended under the provisions of Regulation 72 (b) (ii) and cover provision of services by the original contractor that have become necessary in order to spend the remaining contract budget and where a change of contractor would cause significant inconvenience or substantial duplication of costs for the contracting authority. This will be time only (no additional costs) extension.

#### **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: £18,324,192.80

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 75200000 - Provision of services to the community

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

This notice relates to the extension of Trade and Investment Advocacy Fund (TAF2 Plus) contract, which aims to improve the skills of the world's poorest developing country governments to effectively participate in international trade negotiations, particularly at the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Commercial / Weighting: 40

### **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**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

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#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

### **Contract No**

ecm\_3883

### **Title**

Trade and Investment Advocacy Fund (TAF2 Plus)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

22 February 2017

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

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

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Cowater UK Limited

Thalves Inn House, 1st Floor, 3-4 Horburn Circus

London

EC1N 2HA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £18,324,192

**V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

This notice is to advise of a variation to the current contract. This extension exceeds the term allowed for within the current contract.

The extension will be for 4 months from 22 February 2025 to 30 June 2025.

This is a time only extension, there will be no change to the overall financial limit of the contract.

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

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

FCDO

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