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Planning

Assistive Technology (AT) Support Services

Business Energy and Industrial Strategy

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Business Energy and Industrial Strategy

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Contact

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI32 - Westminster

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Partnership

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-business-energy-and-industrial-strategy>

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

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Assistive Technology (AT) Support Services

Reference number

PRJ_628

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

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The purpose of the proposed tender requirement is to source specialist external resource to support our current and new Assistive Technology users.

The length of the proposed contract is 2 years with an option to extend by a further 1 year, totalling a 3-year contract term.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £400,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The proposed budget range is circa £130,000 exVAT per year with a maximum £400,000 exVAT for the total 3-year term.

Key objectives for this service are;

- Capturing AT requirements for new starters
- Managing new requests for AT software / hardware
- Managing complex issues relating to AT software or AT peripherals
- Promoting digital accessibility
- Consultation and assistance working with the AT user communities
- Managing development work with software vendors used by BEIS
- Working with BEIS Digital's technical resources
- Dedicated internal customer-facing point of contact
- Analysis of use of software applications
- Working with the BEIS Digital Assurance team to ensure AT standards form part of the

project approval process

- Working with the Health, Safety & Wellbeing team

We would like to invite prospective bidders to attend a pre-market engagement session on:

- Friday 21st October between 11am and 12:30pm via MS Teams.

Should you wish to attend, please register your interest by Tuesday 18th October 2022 4pm GMT by using the contact details below.

Contact name: Adejumo Adetunji

Email: ddatprocurements@beis.gov.uk

If this event provides sufficient information BEIS will proceed to market with a procurement at the end of October 2022.

This supplier engagement event provides an opportunity for suppliers to ask questions and highlight any potential issues.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 March 2023

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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