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Planning

Auction Services for Unclaimed Lost Property

Transport for London

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-049c76

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Transport for London

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United Kingdom

Region code

UKI - London

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://tfl.gov.uk/>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://s1-eu.ariba.com/Sourcing/Main/ad/selfRegistration?realm=TfL>

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

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Auction Services for Unclaimed Lost Property

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79342400 - Auction services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The purpose of this Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to alert potential suppliers to an opportunity for future services for auctioning unclaimed lost property.

It is a market awareness exercise to share information on a potential procurement, to engage with the market on the scope and approach; and to enable TfL to determine the detailed design of the procurement and commercial process.

The purpose is to test the market's capacity and capability to deliver the requirement, consider if any changes to the requirement would increase market appetite whilst still delivering the capabilities needed, and to generate market interest.

This activity is focusing on the market, rather than the merits of individual suppliers. It includes no element of supplier selection or bid evaluation. There is no commitment of any kind inferred by either party.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79342400 - Auction services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

About the LPO:

The Lost Property Office (LPO) is the largest of its kind in Europe.

It recovers more than 200,000 items each year across London's vast transport network.

To accommodate the growing scale of TfL's Lost Property Office and improve how quickly lost items can be processed and recorded customers are encouraged to first try to locate missing items at the location that they were lost. Items that remain missing are sent to LPO.

Items are kept for three months, after which ownership is transferred over to Transport for London (TfL). All personal or sensitive data on items (such as phones or cameras) is removed and securely destroyed.

Items are then either donated to charity, recycled, disposed of or anonymously sold at various auctions. All money gained gets fed back into the lost property process, contributing to labour and handling costs.

The LPO are seeking to partner with auctioneer(s) to effectively market, promote and maximise sale value of unclaimed lost items.

II.2.14) Additional information

If you wish to register an interest, please send an email clearly stating 'LPO Auctioneers EOI' in the subject line to chrisstratton@tfl.gov.uk including the following information:

Name of Contact,

Name of Organisation,

Details of the company's website providing further information about the company.

Email address,

Telephone contact number.

This PIN is released for market sounding purposes only. This PIN does not formally signify the beginning of any procurement exercise by the authority, nor does it constitute a commitment by the authority to undertake a procurement. However, if the authority decides to formally commence a procurement pursuant to this PIN, a separate contract notice will be published. If a separate contract notice is published the authority will rely on the publication of this notice to utilise the minimum time-frames permissible for the receipt of tenders and stages of a procurement

Please see description above. Further details of the procurement will be published in the tender documentation.

Expressions of interest:

Suppliers wishing to engage with the Authority for this opportunity are invited to register their interest by Friday 27th September, this will be followed by a short survey.

A tender process will follow the PIN notice, likely in mid- October 2024.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

21 October 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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Please see information above.