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Planning

National Witness Service 2024 Market Engagement

Ministry of Justice

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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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Public order and safety

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

National Witness Service 2024 Market Engagement

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The current grant for the delivery of the National Witness Service is due to end on 31st

March 2026. The MoJ are designing a new grant to allow continuation of the service once the current grant funding period concludes, and is now seeking to engage with interested applicants. The purpose of this engagement is to gather feedback on the current design and to assess the level of interest the grant will attract from potential applicants.

The MoJ wishes to flag that both individual applications as well as applications through consortia (two or more organisations coming together to apply for this grant) are welcomed.

The MoJ invites interested organisations to attend their virtual market engagement event on 7 October 2024 which will be delivered via Teams and take place between 10am- 1pm. Please respond by 2 October 2024 to allow time for invitations to be issued.

The event will cover the background to this grant, feedback on the potential criteria the Authority is proposing, the application process, and will provide an opportunity to ask questions. Please note that all questions and answers will be recorded and issued, alongside any materials shared during the event, to everyone who expresses an interest- even if unable to attend.

Background info:

- The current value of the Witness Service grant is circa £12 million per year, and going forward we are aiming to allocate a total of up to £55m over a grant period of four years. The total award value/thresholds are subject to confirmation of final requirements/term and will be included as part of the WS Grant competition notice when published.
- It is expected that the application window will open in early November and will last approximately eight weeks.
- Further key information about the Future National Witness Service is available in the Jaggaer ITT.

If you wish to attend the Market Engagement Event please register via the Jaggaer E-procurement system:

<https://ministryofjusticecommercial.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

Once in the portal look for “ITT_8973 National Witness Service 2024” and send a message to the Authority with the following details to attend the event;

- Company Name
- Contact Name(s) and Job Titles of those planning to attend.

- Contact Email Address(es) of those planning to attend.

Please note that this is the only to register your interest in the Market Engagement Event and is not you formally registering your interest in bidding for this grant. The above information is only what needs to be submitted for the time being. A separate PIN with details on how to submit the bid, if interested will be released after Early Engagement.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Please Refer to Jaggaer for further information

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

5 November 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