

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/033087-2022>

Planning

## **Inclusive Smart Solutions**

Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-033087

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-038752

Published 22 November 2022, 2:33pm

### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

SW1H 0ET

London

#### **Email**

[FlexibilityInnovation-InclusiveSmartSolutions@BEIS.gov.uk](mailto:FlexibilityInnovation-InclusiveSmartSolutions@BEIS.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

## **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**

Inclusive Smart Solutions

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

- 71314000 - Energy and related services

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

Services

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

BEIS is seeking to procure a two-year research, design, and development contract to help achieve a step-change in access to, purchase of, and/or use of smart technologies, products and services amongst low income and vulnerable consumers. In the context of this work, 'low income and vulnerable consumers' includes all energy consumers for whom an accessibility, usability or affordability issue may exist or arise in the transition to a smart, flexible energy system, potentially making it disproportionately challenging for

them to benefit from new technologies, markets or business models.

This work sits within the BEIS Net Zero Innovation Portfolio's £65m Flexibility Innovation Programme, which enables large-scale widespread electricity system flexibility through smart, flexible, secure, and accessible technologies and markets.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,750,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 71314000 - Energy and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

BEIS is seeking to procure a two-year contract to help achieve a step-change in access to, purchase of, and/or use of smart technologies, products and services amongst low income and vulnerable consumers. It is anticipated that this work will include approximately 6 months of primary research and engagement with low income and vulnerable consumers, informing approximately 18 months of design and development of commercially viable innovative solutions to meet these consumers' needs. This innovation project follows a commitment in the Smart Systems and Flexibility Plan, published jointly by Government and Ofgem in 2021, to remove barriers for consumers who may otherwise struggle to participate in smart energy. This is important to help ensure the benefits of flexibility are accessible to all consumers. This work sits within the BEIS Net Zero Innovation Portfolio's £65m Flexibility Innovation Programme.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

22 December 2022

---

## **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**

BEIS is holding a market engagement event at 14:00 on Thursday 8th December 2022 for this opportunity. Please use the following link to register for this event:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/inclusive-smart-solutions-market-engagement-event-tickets-465077508347>

£65m Flexibility Innovation Programme –

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flexibility-innovation>