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## **Accelerated Capability Environment (ACE) - Private sector delivery partner**

Home Office

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04b246

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

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

Home Office

LONDON

#### **Email**

[john.hampshire@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:john.hampshire@homeoffice.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/accelerated-capability-environment>

### **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

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Accelerated Capability Environment (ACE) - Private sector delivery partner

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

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

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

Services

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

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The Private Sector Partner requirement is for a supplier to work closely with the Authority, to act as a flexible commissioning and delivery partner with responsibility for the dynamic ecosystem and collaboration platform (physical and virtual), to deliver commissioned ACE customer requirements (challenges or problem statements) and jointly protect HMG interests.

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

Value excluding VAT: £18,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 45111290 - Primary works for services
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 75000000 - Administration, defence and social security services
- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

This notice replaces Prior Information Notice (PIN): 2024/S 000-025731 and is being raised to confirm the legislation applicable for this procurement. Note this is not a different or incremental opportunity and this PIN is raised following the delay in the introduction of the Procurement Act 2023.

The Accelerated Capability Environment (ACE) solves public safety and security challenges by bringing together the best of public and private sector capabilities, especially new digital and data technologies. It brings together expertise from industry and academia to innovate collaboratively and deliver front line mission impact at pace. ACE is a Home Office capability and is a partnership between the public and private sectors with access to a community of organisations and experts drawn from the private sector and academia, from which it selects and combines the capabilities best suited to any given problem.

It was established in 2017, and ACE has applied its approach of industry-led innovation and co-creation to increasingly wide-ranging challenges from across government and other public sector agencies. This has included playing a role in transforming public services through leveraging technologies such as artificial intelligence and data science to

accelerate and automate processes, reduce duplication of effort, and better equip decision makers and the operational front line to be their most effective.

Further information on ACE can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/accelerated-capability-environment> and at the annual review here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ace-annual-review-2023-24>

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This opportunity will be procured under existing Procurement & Contract Regulations 2015 (PCR2015) utilising the competitive procedure with negotiation. This opportunity is being advertised in order to identify potential interested bidders for the service and begin market engagement opportunities. We do not anticipate breaking this opportunity into separate lots given the co-ordinated nature required for delivery of commissions across HMG and the engagement with community of organisations that support ACE.

Should you wish to express an interest in participating in market engagement please register your interest by emailing [John.Hampshire@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:John.Hampshire@homeoffice.gov.uk) by 17:00 30 November 2024 and include the following:

- Name of Contact
- Name of Organisation
- Contact's email address
- Contact's telephone number.

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

20 December 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