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Planning

Language Services

Ministry of Justice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Language Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79540000 - Interpretation services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Ministry of Justice (MoJ) intends to run a procurement exercise for the delivery of Language Services. The services are available to the Ministry of Justice, its executive agencies and its arm's length bodies. The scope of services includes face to face, telephone and video interpreting services for spoken languages, BSL, visual and tactile communication and quality assurance of all language services. Translation and

transcription services are out of scope.

It is very likely the contract will be divided into lots but this is to be developed as part of our market engagement. We have included examples of lots below.

The MoJ is developing its commercial strategy for the provision of language services and is interested in understanding the market's capacity and capability to bid for, and provide, these services.

The purpose of this notice is to enable suppliers to express interest, and register with us to receive further information on upcoming market engagement events in the new year.

Interested parties are required to complete the following actions:

1) Register an account through the MoJ Sourcing Portal at <https://ministryofjusticecommercial.bravosolution.co.uk>

2) Navigate to the left side menu and click on 'PQQs Open to All Suppliers' > find and click on 'PQQ_323 – Language Services (Market Engagement Only)' - for the avoidance of doubt this is not an actual PQQ just a space on our sourcing system to coordinate market engagement activities. There are no mandatory actions to take.

3) You can express an interest by clicking 'Express interest'.

We will be using the above forum to communicate future events and anticipate our first market engagement event to be held early in the new year. Sufficient notice for this event will be provided.

We'd also like to acknowledge that our upcoming procurement is going ahead later than originally published in our PIN last year. We will be sharing new timelines and be available to answer your questions in our upcoming market engagement events.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

Face to face and remote interpreting for spoken languages, face to face and remote interpreting for BSL and visual and tactile communication, telephone interpreting,

technology services, quality assurance.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Example: Face to face and remote interpreting for spoken languages

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79540000 - Interpretation services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot is an example of potential lots that are being explored and is a placeholder before lots are fully developed in market engagement.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Example: Face to face and remote interpreting for BSL, visual and tactile communication

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79540000 - Interpretation services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot is an example of potential lots that are being explored and is a placeholder before lots are fully developed in market engagement.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Example: Telephone Interpreting

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79540000 - Interpretation services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot is an example of potential lots that are being explored and is a placeholder before lots are fully developed in market engagement.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Example: Technology Services

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 72260000 - Software-related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot is an example of potential lots that are being explored and is a placeholder before lots are fully developed in market engagement.

II.2.14) Additional information

We are exploring the possibility of a technology services lot, initial thinking is that this would include a booking platform and management information to be further considered in market engagement

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Example: Quality Assurance

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72225000 - System quality assurance assessment and review services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot is an example of potential lots that are being explored and is a placeholder before lots are fully developed in market engagement.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 November 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