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Planning

Early Market Engagement (EME) - Effective State and Democracy in Zambia (ESDZ)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-development-office>

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

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://fcdo.bravosolution.co.uk>

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

Early Market Engagement (EME) - Effective State and Democracy in Zambia (ESDZ)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) would like to invite interested parties to attend a Market Engagement (EME) Event concerning the provision of services to deliver Effective State and Democracy in Zambia (ESDZ).

ESDZ aims to embed democratic values in Zambia's institutions and practices and support an inclusive, effective state, which delivers poverty reduction and growth for all its citizens. ESDZ has budgeted approximately £30m over seven (7) years, with an anticipated start date of Q1 2024.

FCDO invites interested suppliers to attend an Early Market Engagement (EME) session relating to the ESDZ programme and associated future procurements. This EME will take place 10:00-11:00am UK time on Thursday 14 December 2023 and will be online via Microsoft Teams, with representation from both the project office in Lukasa, Zambia and FCDO Commercial.

This EME event is an opportunity for prospective suppliers to understand current planning for the ESDZ programme, to ask questions, and to provide feedback on the draft Concept Note (CN) for the Business Case. To attend this EME event, please register and log in to FCDO's eTendering Portal: <https://fcdo.bravosolution.co.uk> and complete PQQ_1530 before noon on 12.12.2023. The Concept Note (CN) is available for download as an attachment to the PQQ.

The event will be followed by a questionnaire and attendees will be able to ask further questions. The PQQ functionality in the portal will be used as the channel of communication for this project going forward.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £30,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

ESDZ aims to embed democratic values in Zambia's institutions and practices and support an inclusive, effective state, which delivers poverty reduction and growth for all its citizens. Provisional details of the proposed programme can be found in the Concept Note available for download on PQQ_1530.

II.2.14) Additional information

At this stage, FCDO seeks expression of interest in participating in the EME event.

To attend this EME event you have to login onto FCDO's eTendering Portal: <https://fcdo.bravosolution.co.uk> and register under PQQ_1530.

The link to the meeting (MS Teams platform) will be distributed via the messaging system on the FCDO eTendering portal and via email for those registered before noon on 12.12.2023.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 April 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

At this stage, FCDO seeks expression of interest in participating in the EME event. Non-participation in this event will not be taken into account in any future procurement. The purpose of this notice is to explore the market, inform the specifications and help us to decide on the best procurement route and strategy.

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