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Tender

Financial Services Pillar of the ASEAN Economic Integration Programme

Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

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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

Financial Services Pillar of the ASEAN Economic Integration Programme

Reference number

400046

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 FSp aims to enable greater financial resilience and economic opportunities for individuals and businesses in AMS through wider availability of useful and affordable financial services, particularly for MSMEs and women ('financial inclusion'). Financial inclusion is uneven among AMS, with some countries still having a persistently high percentage of adults without an account at a financial institution. Digitalisation of the sector is improving access to and use of financial services across ASEAN, but barriers remain, and these can be higher for women and MSMEs. Barriers in some AMS include low financial or digital literacy, lack of trust / gaps in consumer protection, shallow capital markets and limited access to international payments. The intended outcome of the FSp is that AMS adopt and implement ASEAN-led policy recommendations and reforms that promote financial inclusion in the region. The programme will do this by providing expert support to ASEAN and AMS.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £8,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Across ASEAN member states+ (see ToR).

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Contract for the Services will operate for 48 months from the commencement date. The total budget available for the services to be provided under this Contract will be a maximum value of £8,000,000. There will be an optional extension (subject to specific requirements) of up to 18 months in duration and up to £4m in value. The contract will be subject to break points at the end of the inception period and on 31 March 2025.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

26 January 2024

Local time

2:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 8 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

26 January 2024

Local time

2:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

To access the tender documents, please login or register to FCDO's eTendering Portal: <https://fcdo.bravosolution.co.uk> If you have any technical issues with the Portal, please call the eTendering helpdesk: +44 0203 868 2859 or use the "Call me Back!" functionality (recommended, especially if contacting from outside of UK). Any issues with accessing the tender documents should also be reported to: karen.duffy@fcdo.gov.uk Any queries related to the subject of this tender must be sent via the messaging function for itt_6108 Financial Services Pillar of the ASEAN Economic Integration Programme.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

FCDO

East Kilbride

Country

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