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## **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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**Region code**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/fcdo/>

**I.3) Communication**

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

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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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

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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](mailto: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

United Kingdom