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Planning

Print and Digital Communications

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Internet address(es)

Main address

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

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

Other activity

Public Procurement

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Print and Digital Communications

Reference number

RM6297

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79800000 - Printing and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Crown Commercial Service, as the Authority, intends to put in place an agreement for the provision of printed matter, digital communications and related products for use by Central Government and UK public sector bodies.

The agreement shall include multiple routes to market (Direct Award, Further Competition, Click and Buy Digital Platform) for purchasing print products, digital communications and all associated services to provide an end to end print management service.

The scope shall include all types of print such as operational, transactional, and secure print, and the associated services such as direct mail, storage, fulfilment and distribution, digital asset management, digital solutions, omni channel communications, content creation, pre-production services, media duplication and official papers.

The lotting structure of this framework has been determined as a result of market engagement and is as follows:

Lot 1 Print and Digital Communications (Direct Award, including Command & House Papers)

Lot 2 Print and Digital Communications (Further Competition)

Lot 3 Print Marketplace

Further information is included in the Additional Information section VI.3.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,700,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Print and Digital Communications (Direct Award)

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79800000 - Printing and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Single supplier, Direct Award lot.

Provision of Command and House Paper Service.

The scope shall include the print management services for all types of print such as operational, transactional, and secure print, election print, and the associated services such as direct mail, storage, fulfilment and distribution, digital asset management, digital solutions, omni channel communications, content creation, pre-production services, media duplication and official papers.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Print and Digital Communications (Further Competition)

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79800000 - Printing and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Multiple suppliers, Further Competition lot.

The scope shall include the print management services for all types of print such as operational, transactional, and secure print, election print, and the associated services such as direct mail, storage, fulfilment and distribution, digital asset management, digital solutions, omni channel communications, content creation, pre-production services, media duplication and official papers.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Print Marketplace

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 22000000 - Printed matter and related products
- 22100000 - Printed books, brochures and leaflets
- 22110000 - Printed books
- 22111000 - School books
- 22150000 - Brochures
- 22160000 - Booklets
- 22440000 - Cheque forms
- 22450000 - Security-type printed matter
- 22456000 - Permits
- 22457000 - Entrance cards
- 22459000 - Tickets
- 22459100 - Advertising stickers and strips
- 22460000 - Trade-advertising material, commercial catalogues and manuals

- 22461000 - Catalogues
- 22461100 - List holders
- 22462000 - Advertising material
- 22470000 - Manuals
- 22820000 - Forms
- 22821000 - Electoral forms
- 22822000 - Business forms
- 22822100 - Continuous business forms
- 22822200 - Non-continuous business forms
- 22900000 - Miscellaneous printed matter
- 30197630 - Printing paper
- 30197640 - Self-copy or other copy paper
- 30197643 - Photocopier paper
- 30197645 - Card for printing
- 30211300 - Computer platforms

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Single supplier for the provision of a technology platform for a self-serve print solution. This will enable end users in the public sector to access real-time pricing on a dynamic basis from local print suppliers for a wide range of print requirements.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

25 March 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

This Prior Information Notice is to signal our intention to release our next iteration of the CCS Print framework and to gauge interest within the Print market. Please express your interest by emailing ccsprintteam@crownccommercial.gov.uk no later than midday on 31st January 2024. Your email must clearly state: the name of your organisation, contact details for the individual(s) who will be participating in any market engagement and the lots you would be interested in bidding for.

As part of this prior information notice the following can be accessed at:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/1133854c-44c5-40fe-b63c-67587a1d92f0>

Your email must clearly state: the name of your organisation, contact details for the individual(s) who will be participating in the market engagement and the lots you would be interested in bidding for.

Procurement information:

Crown Commercial Service (CCS) will use an eSourcing system for this competition and reserves the right to use an electronic auction. The eSourcing system we will use is

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

Please note that, to register, you must have a valid DUNS number (as provided by Dun and Bradstreet) for the organisation which you are registering, who will be entering into a contract if invited to do so.

The value in II.1.5 is an indicative value over 4 years.

The date in II.3) is the estimated date of publication, please refer to the CCS website page (<https://www.crownccommercial.gov.uk/agreements/upcoming>) for updates and monitor Find A Tender Service for the publication of the contract notice.

Supplier assurance requirements:

The Cyber Essentials scheme is mandatory for Central Government Contracts which involve handling personal information and providing certain ICT products and services. The Government is taking steps to further reduce the levels of cyber security risk in its supply chain through the Cyber Essentials scheme. The scheme defines a set of controls which, when properly implemented, will provide organisations with basic protection from the most prevalent forms of threat coming from the internet.

To participate in this procurement, bidders will be required to demonstrate that they are Cyber Essentials Plus certified for the services under and in connection with the procurement.

The bidder may be awarded a contract but shall not enter into any call off contracts with buyers until they are able to demonstrate to CCS that they meet the technical requirements prescribed by the Cyber Essentials Plus Scheme for services under and in connection with this procurement.

Additional supplier assurance requirements will be made available during the market engagement sessions and at the time of tender release.