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Contract

## **DF Finance, Benefits and Debt for Wales**

Ministry of Justice

F03: Contract award notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Ministry of Justice

102 Petty France

London

SW1H 9AJ

#### **Email**

[ProbationDynamicFramework@justice.gov.uk](mailto:ProbationDynamicFramework@justice.gov.uk)

#### **Telephone**

+44 02033343555

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-justice/about/procurement>

**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**

DF Finance, Benefits and Debt for Wales

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 75231240 - Probation services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Authority had Finance, Benefits and Debt services for People on Probation ensuring that People on Probation have sufficient lawfully obtained money to live on is key to their rehabilitation, but some individuals will face significant problems achieving that financial security. Previous statistics suggest over 23,000 People on Probation had financial problems linked to offending such as low incomes, debt, disrupted access to benefits advice and insufficient income on release from prison. Ensuring that these individuals have sufficient, lawfully obtained money to live on and are able to manage their debts is key to rehabilitation and some will benefit from support to overcome significant problems in achieving that financial security.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £2,510,380.17

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

North Wales, Gwent, Dyfed Powys, Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan, Swansea, Neath, Port Talbot, Cwm Taf Morgannwg.

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

In June 2020 the Ministry of Justice established the Probation Services Dynamic Framework (PSDF) to allow the Authority and Participating Bodies to purchase services to deliver rehabilitative and resettlement Interventions. The Dynamic Framework and subsequent Call-Off Competitions are conducted pursuant to Section 7 of the PCR 2015 (Social and Other Specific Services) the 'Light Touch Regime'.

Ensuring that People on Probation are able to manage their own finance, benefits and debt needs is key to their rehabilitation. However, some People on Probation will face significant problems achieving financial security. Finance, Benefit and Debt issues are linked to offending for almost half of People on Probation. Therefore, some People on Probation will benefit from support to overcome problems in achieving financial security.

One of the key priorities for the Ministry of Justice Outcome Delivery Plan 2021/22 is to 'End rough sleeping through more effective prevention and crisis intervention services and reduce homelessness by enabling local authorities to fully meet their statutory duties'. Research has shown that being in debt makes it more difficult to obtain and sustain accommodation and employment.: "Debt and crime thus reinforce each other in a negative way" (Van Beek 2021), negatively contributing to the overall government objective to reduce reoffending.

Finance, Benefit and Debt Services can be delivered as part of a Rehabilitation Activity Requirement (RAR) whereby a specified number of RAR Activity Days will be allocated by the Probation Service for those subject to a Community Sentence or Suspended Sentence Order. Any Sessions delivered as part of a RAR Activity Day or as a mandated Licence or Post Sentence Supervision appointment will be Enforceable.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Specification Compliance / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Quality criterion - Name: Understanding the local landscape / Weighting: Weighting 20%

Quality criterion - Name: Delivering Services to People on Probation / Weighting: Weighting 35%

Quality criterion - Name: Quality of Staff / Weighting: Weighting 20%

Quality criterion - Name: Risk Management and Information Sharing / Weighting: Weighting 5%

Quality criterion - Name: Equalities / Weighting: Weighting 10%

Quality criterion - Name: Implementation / Weighting: Weighting 10%

Cost criterion - Name: n/a / Weighting: n/a

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

- The Authority reserved the right to exclude tenders that did not achieve a total quality score of 60.
- The Authority reserved the right to exclude tenders that did not achieve an individual quality criteria threshold.

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The specific evaluation and award criteria for each competition were detailed in full in the procurement documents for the call off competition. The procurement documents are published on the Authority's esourcing portal.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Restricted procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

#### **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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2020/S 114-277986](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

11 July 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

St Giles Wise Group Partnership

London

SE5 8JB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,510,380.17

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

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