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Contract

Provision of Covid-19 Business Support Meta-Evaluation

HM Treasury

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-029a8d

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

HM Treasury

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-treasury>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Central Government

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of Covid-19 Business Support Meta-Evaluation

Reference number

CCZZ24A13

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73110000 - Research services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Call-off procurement from RM6126 Framework Research and Insights for the Provision of Covid-19 Business Support Meta-Evaluation for HM Treasury.

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: £73,443.75

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73300000 - Design and execution of research and development
- 79311400 - Economic research services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

HMT is seeking insights on a number of questions about the impact and effectiveness of HMT's Covid business support during the peak period for the UK Government's response to the Covid-19 pandemic (March 2020 to March 2022). This period coincides with when widespread non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPIs), e.g., social distancing and self-isolation policies, were in place. This will form part of HMT's work to capture and distil lessons from the experience of supporting businesses through the pandemic.

This will require specialist research that covers the full range of business support schemes initiated by HMT and other government departments during that period. The Supplier will be able to draw upon evaluations (published or due to be published) on individual schemes or groups of schemes (for instance, local authority grants; business loan schemes) published by other departments and organisations such as Ipsos to provide a meta-evaluation answering the question "What lessons can we learn from supporting business in a crisis?"

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 30

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 IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted 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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2021/S 000-027493](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

26 November 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ecorys UK Limited

Queen Elizabeth House, 4 St Dunstan's Hill

London

EC3R 8AD

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: £73,443.75

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

As part of this contract award notice the following can be accessed at:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/209a63b8-3289-4112-b236-c6ba53d19a48>

- 1) Redacted Commercial Agreement
- 2) List of Successful Suppliers
- 3) Approved Customer list
- 4) Transparency Agenda

On 02/04/2014, Government introduced its Government Security Classifications (GSC) scheme which replaced Government Protective Marking Scheme (GPMS). A key aspect is the reduction in the number of security classifications used. All bidders were required to make themselves aware of the changes as it may impact this requirement. This link provides information on the GSC at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications>

Cyber Essentials is a mandatory requirement for Central Government contracts which involve handling personal information or provide certain ICT products/services. Government is taking steps to 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 implemented,

will provide organisations with basic protection from the most prevalent forms of threat coming from the internet. To participate in this procurement, bidders were required to demonstrate they comply with the technical requirements prescribed by Cyber Essentials, for services under and in connection with this procurement.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service

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