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Contract

Approved Contractor Scheme (ACS) Passport Scheme

Security Industry Authority

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04362c

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Security Industry Authority

London

Email

sia.procurement@sia.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/security-industry-authority>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Public order and safety

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Approved Contractor Scheme (ACS) Passport Scheme

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79212110 - Corporate governance rating services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This notice is to alert the supplier community to a potential opportunity, and to assist the Security Industry Authority (SIA) with developing aspects of its procurement strategy.

The SIA is reviewing possible options for its Approved Contractor Scheme passport route which is subject to the Concession Regulations 2016.

The SIA is responsible for regulating the private security industry in the UK. It is an independent body reporting to the Home Secretary, under the terms of the Private Security Industry Act 2001 (PSIA). The SIA's mission is to deliver proportionate regulation to the private security industry to reduce criminality, protect the public and improve standards under the PSIA.

The SIA has two main duties. One is the compulsory licensing of individuals undertaking designated activities within the private security industry; the other is to manage the voluntary approved contracts scheme for private security organisations.

The Approved Contractor Scheme (ACS) is one of the regulatory objectives to be delivered by the SIA as defined within the Private Security Act 2001.

ACS is a voluntary scheme of approval for private security businesses operating within the UK. Organisations seeking approval need to be delivering private security related services within the sectors that the SIA licence individuals in.

Please see details of what a passport scheme is here [Setting up an ACS passport scheme - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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: £1,005,320

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Firstly, to be eligible to bid for a passport contract suppliers will need to have created a bespoke passport scheme prior to bidding.

That bespoke scheme needs to comply with the bullets below:

- integrates international, British and other industry standards with the ACS standard.
- recognises other accreditation or certification schemes.
- is accredited by the SIA and quality assured by a UKAS accredited assessment body.

Please see details of what a passport scheme is here [Setting up an ACS passport scheme - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

This process can take up to one year and with significant costs. Please note that setting up a passport scheme does not guarantee a contract will be awarded to your organisation.

Secondly, once suppliers' schemes are reviewed and approved by the SIA, they would then be eligible to bid for the passport scheme once it is advertised.

The estimated contract length for successful suppliers would be 2 years maximum.

This exercise is designed to provide a platform for the SIA to brief suppliers on the opportunity. A key ambition of this market engagement is to test the appetite, market capacity, capability, experience, and maturity to be able to provide this service.

Any parties interested in expressing an interest in this opportunity are required to register by emailing sia.procurement@sia.gov.uk and providing details of your organisation and key contact details.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

A notice relating to the Passport Scheme has been published with the following reference: 2024/S 000-003290. As no expressions of interest were received the contract has been awarded using the following exemption: 31, 6, b (ii) from the concessions regulations 2026.

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: [2024/S 000-003290](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

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Title

Approved Contractor Scheme (ACS) Passport Scheme

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

12 November 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Insight Certification Ltd T/A NSI

Maidenhead

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

02525516

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Lowest offer: £2,143 / Highest offer: £3,300 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Please note: this is a concession contract.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Public Procurement Review Service

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Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom