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Award

Private Sector Partner (PSP) for the Accelerated capability Environment (ACE)

Home Office

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Scope

Reference

Project_2691

Description

This Tender Notice outlines the Home Offices intent to award a contract to deliver this requirement following a competitive procurement.

The Accelerated Capability Environment (ACE) solves public safety and security challenges by bringing together the best of public and private sector capabilities, especially new digital and data technologies.

The Private Sector Partner requirement is for a supplier to work closely with the Authority, to act as a flexible commissioning and delivery partner with responsibility for the dynamic ecosystem and collaboration platform (physical and virtual), to deliver commissioned ACE customer requirements (challenges or problem statements) and jointly protect HMG interests.

It should be noted that the ACE capability operates across HMG and Authorities other than the Home Office may access this agreement providing there is a memorandum of understanding in place for ACE services between the Home Office and the respective HMG organisation.

Commissions may or may not be limited to public safety and security challenges. It is anticipated that the majority of services will be delivered within the United Kingdom however the Authority may require the private sector delivery partner to support international delivery if required. Annual commissions will vary during the term of the contract based upon HMG demand. Such commissions are not guaranteed and historically as per the published ACE annual reviews these have ranged from ~£29m-£49m.

Market engagement has taken place for this opportunity with engagement calls on the 18th December 2024 and 30th January 2025. A face to face session was held at the Home Office on the 4th March 2025.

Notices (025731-2024 & 035036-2024) were issued as part of transitional arrangements from PCR2015 to PA23.

The engagements provided opportunities for interested parties to understand more on ACE and the private sector partner service as well as the procurement process.

The service is required to integrate the following key functions of leadership, mission engagement, portfolio delivery and innovation and enablers. The interaction between these and the ACE team within the Home Office make this suitable to be delivered in one lot as an integrated solution. This will provide greater taxpayer value for money through efficiency and consistency in approach.

Contract value is set at £19.8m for consistency with the tender notice but the contract drives to cost neutrality for the Authority.

The duration of the initial contract term will be up to 36 months from the date of contract signature, with an option for up to two 12-month extensions making a total potential term of 60 months.

Contract 1. Private Sector Partner (PSP) for the Accelerated capability Environment (ACE)

Supplier

- PA Consulting Services Limited

Contract value

- £16,500,000 excluding VAT
- £19,800,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

12 December 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

12 December 2025

Standstill period

- End: 23 December 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

24 December 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 24 December 2025 to 23 December 2028
- Possible extension to 23 December 2030
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

Two extension options each of upto 12 months each

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

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- Provision of dedicated, longer-term Artificial Intelligence (AI) related technology and data

science services, potentially through contract-compliant but separate governance

processes, that could constitute some, or even all, of the functions of an "AI Lab"

environment for specific customer sets.

- Run environments providing access across one or more HMG departments or agencies or to

the private sector to data or software libraries (e.g. GitHub-style market-places), potentially

charging for use.

- Develop and agree joint services with other innovation and technology units and partners

across HM government, for example (including but not limited to) NSSIF, DASA and others.

- Support to the Authority in the commercialisation of innovations developed through ACE,

under previous and new contracts.

- Support to the Authority in the development and professionalisation of innovation skills and

capabilities across the Authority.

The above contract modifications are not currently included in the tender but are current discussions the Authority is having to determine the role that the PSP will play in these circumstances

CPV classifications

- 45111290 - Primary works for services
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Information about tenders

- 5 tenders received
 - 5 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 2 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 4 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Unsuccessful suppliers

- [QinetiQ Limited](#)
 - [Wazoku Limited](#)
 - [Turner & Townsend Infrastructure Ltd](#)
 - [VE3 Global Ltd](#)
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Submission

Submission type

Requests to participate

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Suppliers

PA Consulting Services Limited

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10 Bressenden Place

London

SW1E 5DN

United Kingdom

Email: shivani.joshi@paconsulting.com

Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Connected people/organisations:

PA HOLDINGS LIMITED, 10 Bressenden Place, London, England, SW1E 5DN
(02235016)

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(ACE)

QinetiQ Limited

- Companies House: 03796233

Cody Technology Park

Farnborough,

GU14 0LX

United Kingdom

Region: UKJ37 - North Hampshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Turner & Townsend Infrastructure Ltd

- Companies House: 12495519

Low Hall Calverley Lane

Leeds

LS18 4GH

United Kingdom

Region: UKE42 - Leeds

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

VE3 Global Ltd

- Companies House: 07343436

86 90 Paul Street

London

EC2A 4NE

United Kingdom

Region: UKI41 - Hackney and Newham

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Wazoku Limited

- Companies House: 07540637

10 Lower Thames Street

London

EC3R 6AF

United Kingdom

Region: UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contracting authority

Home Office

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWGC-6513-PQLZ

2 Marsham Street

London

SW1P 4DF

United Kingdom

Email: John.Hampshire@homeoffice.gov.uk

Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government