

This notice in TED website: <http://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:319831-2017:TEXT:EN:HTML>

**United Kingdom-Croydon: IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
2017/S 154-319831**

Contract notice

Services

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) **Name and addresses**

Secretary of State for the Home Department
Metro Point, 49 Sydenham Road
Croydon
CR0 2EU
United Kingdom
E-mail: HOBFSMLEMatcherBids@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk
NUTS code: UKI22

Internet address(es):

Main address: <http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office>
Address of the buyer profile: <https://gpsesourcing.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/sso/jsp/login.jsp>

I.2) **Joint procurement**

I.3) **Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://gpsesourcing.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/sso/jsp/login.jsp>
Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address
Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address
Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available.
Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at: <https://gpsesourcing.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/sso/jsp/login.jsp>

I.4) **Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.5) **Main activity**

Public order and safety

Section II: Object

II.1) **Scope of the procurement**

II.1.1) **Title:**

Home Office Biometrics Strategic Matcher Engine Software (Face).

II.1.2) **Main CPV code**

72000000

II.1.3) **Type of contract**

Services

II.1.4) **Short description:**

The Contracting Authority intends to identify an Economic Operator(s) to contract with for the provision of the Biometric Matcher Engine Software (Face) & associated services as part of the Home Office Biometrics (HOB) programme. This includes:

Matcher Engine Software (MES) — a combination of biometric algorithm software and associated components that provide the specialised capability to match a biometric facial image to a known identity held as an encoded facial image; and

Associated Services — May include any / all of the following; design, biometric accuracy testing, collaboration, integration and system testing, transition, data migration, early life support, In life level 4 support, professional services.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 4 600 000.00 GBP

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**

72000000

72100000

72300000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKI22

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

A biometric Matching Engine Software (MES) supplier will be selected to provide the services described in II.1.4 above, and as set out in detail in the procurement documents issued alongside this notice. The MES will integrate with the Contracting Authority's Biometric Matcher Platform Service (BMPS) which supports multiple biometric modalities and multiple data sets (which include, but are not limited to, immigration, citizenship, law enforcement) as part of the HOB programme. The procurement documentation further sets out the specific MES requirements in the wider HOB programme and BMPS context.

The initial MES (Face) deployment is focused on law enforcement. However, the intended Contract provides for deployment to a wider set of Central Government (including police) organisations over the contract Duration.

Such additional deployments will be added through Change Control, operating within the parameters of this notice and the supporting procurement documents.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

II.2.7) **Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months: 60

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

Renewals after an initial term of 60 months.

II.2.9) **Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged number of candidates: 5

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

The top ranking Selection Questionnaire responses that meet the minimum overall weighted score criteria will be selected for the ITT stage. The Contracting Authority reserves the right to take through a maximum of five (5) Bidders to the ITT stage. Further information about the procurement procedure to be adopted is provided in the procurement document set.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options:

The Contracting Authority reserves the right to extend the contract(s) for a period of twenty four (24) months and an additional twelve (12) months. Therefore, the total potential term of the contract is ninety six (96) months from the effective date.

II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues

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

For full details on how to register on the Crown Commercial Service eSourcing suite, the Non-Disclosure Agreement to be returned to the Authority and the Authority Security Clearance requirements, please see section III.1.1.

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions:

The Contracting Authority's requirements are set out in the Selection Questionnaire (SQ) and supporting procurement documents. A parent company guarantee may be required.

Prospective suppliers interested in participating in this procurement should adopt the following process:

Each supplier must first register their Company and primary contact(s) (if not already registered) on the CCS eSourcing Suite. Registration can be done online at <https://gpsesourcing.cabinetoffice.gov.uk> by following the link 'Register for CCS eSourcing'. 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. Full instructions for registration and use of the system can be found at:

<https://ccs.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/i-am-supplier/respond-tender>

For technical assistance on use of the eSourcing Suite please contact Crown Commercial Service Helpdesk:

Freephone: 0345 010 3503 or e-mail supplier@ccs.gsi.gov.uk

Following registration onto the CCS eSourcing Suite, email the project team at

HOBSFMLEMatcherBids@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk to register interest and confirm the details of its primary contact(s) (maximum of 3 contacts) as soon as possible. The message must contain organisation name, contact name, e-mail address and telephone number.

A Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), Security Aspects Letter (SAL) and Security Clearance instructions are available separately from this Contract Notice through the eSourcing Suite. Access to these documents will be granted upon responding to this Contract Notice at HOBSFMLEMatcherBids@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

A signed copy of the NDA and SAL must be returned to the project team electronically at

HOBSFMLEMatcherBids@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

Both documents are specific to this procurement and must be completed by each interested supplier in order to participate in the procurement irrespective of any other document previously signed. The name of the participant organisation must be included in the file name. Potential Suppliers will not be able to access any further procurement documentation or the Selection Questions until the Authority has received a signed copy of the NDA and Security Aspects Letter.

In support of this procurement the Authority has created a virtual data room containing a wide range of information and supporting documentation to assist suppliers in preparation for their ITT responses. Information classified official will be available through the virtual data room accessible through the e-sourcing portal. Information classified official sensitive will be made available at a London location of the Contracting Authority. Access must be arranged by prior appointment as per the guidance to be published on the eSourcing portal and made available to all suppliers who have signed an NDA.

Suppliers who are successful in progressing through to the ITT phase will be required to participate in Biometric Accuracy Testing as part of the evaluation process. This process requires Security Cleared personnel. Full details on how to handle the Security Clearance requirements will be published on the eSourcing portal and made available to all suppliers who have signed an NDA. This procedure can be time consuming and take several months so suppliers are therefore advised to initiate the relevant clearance or confirmation of clearance process for nominated personnel at the earliest possible time.

Please note that, up to the date of release of an OJEU Award Notice the Contracting Authority reserves the right to not enter into a contract for any services.

III.1.2) **Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) **Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.5) **Information about reserved contracts**

III.2) **Conditions related to the contract**

III.2.1) **Information about a particular profession**

III.2.2) **Contract performance conditions:**

The Contracting Authority's requirements are set out in the Selection Questionnaire (SQ) and supporting procurement documents.

III.2.3) **Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

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**

IV.1.4) **Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**

IV.1.6) **Information about electronic auction**

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 in the OJ S: [2017/S 107-215129](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date: 25/09/2017

Local time: 12:00

IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

Date: 16/10/2017

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted:

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 7 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information:

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

N/A

N/A

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

N/A

N/A

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

The Contracting Authority will incorporate a stand still period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to the tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision.

The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of ten (10) calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.

Any appeal or request for additional information should be sent to the name and address in section 1.1. The Public Contract Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Courts (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

N/A

N/A

United Kingdom

VI.5) Date of dispatch of this notice:

11/08/2017