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**United Kingdom-London: Transport services (excl. Waste transport)
2019/S 145-357257**

Contract notice

Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Transport
Great Minster House, 33 Horseferry Road
London
SW1P 4DR
United Kingdom
Contact person: Paul Rodgers
E-mail: fcg@dft.gov.uk
NUTS code: UK

Internet address(es):

Main address: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-transport>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-transport>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

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

Other activity: Transport

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title:

Freight Capacity Procurement

II.1.2) Main CPV code

60000000

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description:

Department for Transport with associated Central Government Bodies and Devolved Administrations is leading a procurement to put in place a 4 year Framework Agreement with suitably qualified operators to provide freight capacity as defined in the procurement documents, to support the continued flow of Category 1 goods (those goods identified by the Government as being critical to the preservation of human and animal welfare and/or national security) in light of Disruption Events as part of UK Government's future resilience planning. Suppliers securing a place on the framework agreement will have the opportunity to take part in 'call-off' mini-competitions for freight capacity contracts. The first of these is expected to be in place as part of Government's contingency planning for a 'No Deal' EU Exit on 31.10.2019.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 300 000 000.00 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)**

60600000
60610000
60640000
63000000
60400000
60620000
60210000
63711000
63521000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK

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

The Authority is seeking to put in place a framework of operators of vessels, trains or aircraft ('Conveyance') that can be used for the provision of capacity for the transportation of freight vehicles (meaning wheeled goods vehicles (including vans, trucks, lorries, HGVs and other equivalents) or wheeled trailers or semi-trailers to be conveyed intact on the conveyance — whether accompanied or unaccompanied) between the UK and the EEA and/or between Great Britain ('GB') and Northern Ireland ('NI'). The operators will also be required to deliver all actions, incidentals and services required to facilitate the transportation of freight vehicles (including but not limited to ticketing services, marketing, operations, etc.) in order to meet the strategic objective of supporting the continued flow of Category 1 Goods in light of Disruption Events. Category 1 Goods are those goods identified by the Government as being critical to the preservation of human and animal welfare and/or national security. Note that the goods within scope or identified as Category 1 may be reviewed by the Government from time to time.

Scope:

To put in place a framework of operators who can deliver the required capacity for the transportation of freight vehicles (including ticketing services and allocation of capacity following rules defined by the Contracting Authority):

— via any conveyance,

- between the United Kingdom ('UK') and the European Economic Area ('EEA') and/or between Great Britain ("GB") and Northern Ireland ('NI'),
- including all actions, incidentals and services required to facilitate the transportation (including but not limited to ticketing services, marketing, operations, etc.),
- existing capacity (i.e. capacity that is already available on the open market) and new capacity (means capacity not already available on the open market) options,
- accompanied and/or unaccompanied capacity options,
- terminal to terminal transportation only ('Terminal' meaning operational area at which a conveyance will arrive or depart and where the conveyance can be accessed by the freight vehicle).

Full detail on the eligibility criteria can be found in the procurement documents, to participate in the procurement and access the procurement documents on the Authority's e-Sourcing portal please email fcg@dft.gov.uk
The Freight Capacity Framework Agreement is for use by Departments, their Agencies and ALBs; DFT, DHSC, DEFRA, BEIS, each of the Devolved Administrations and their Agencies and ALBs, including the Welsh Government; Velindre NHS Trust, NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership — Procurement Services (on behalf of All Wales Health Boards and Trusts); Scottish Government and its Agencies; Northern Ireland Government Departments, and their Agencies, ALBs, including NI Water and Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company, and Non Departmental Public Bodies as listed and maintained by the Northern Ireland Government on their website at <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/publications/list-public-bodies-which-can-participate-cpd-collaborative-frameworks> or any replacement or updated web-link and the Central Government Ministerial Departments listed and maintained by the Government on their website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations> or any replacement or updated web-link.

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**

Value excluding VAT: 300 000 000.00 GBP

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

Start: 18/09/2019

End: 17/09/2023

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: no

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**

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:

N/a.

- III.1.2) **Economic and financial standing**
List and brief description of selection criteria:
Selection criteria for the framework agreement are stated only in the procurement documents.
- III.1.3) **Technical and professional ability**
List and brief description of selection criteria:
Selection criteria for the framework agreement are stated only 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:**
- 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**
Open procedure
- IV.1.3) **Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**
The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement
Framework agreement with several operators
Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 25
- 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: [2019/S 123-300399](#)
- IV.2.2) **Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**
Date: 28/08/2019
Local time: 12:00
- IV.2.3) **Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**
- 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**
- IV.2.7) **Conditions for opening of tenders**
Date: 28/08/2019
Local time: 12:01

Section VI: Complementary information

- VI.1) **Information about recurrence**
This is a recurrent procurement: no
- VI.2) **Information about electronic workflows**
- VI.3) **Additional information:**

The estimated value has been set at 300 000 000,00 GBP so that the framework could accommodate a number of potential call-off requirements over the four year duration. In arriving at the estimated value, the possible frequency of Disruption Events (such as — but not limited to — congested roads or Terminals, or delays from border checks, industrial action or natural disasters) where the framework may be used to provide resilience have been considered.

The contracting authority will accept tenders from consortia. No particular legal form is required at the time of submission of tenders. The contracting authority reserves the right, however, to require consortia to form a legal entity prior to the execution of the framework agreement or to require that each party to the consortium undertakes joint and several liability for the delivery of the framework agreement and contracts issued under it. If more than 25 bidders are ranked in the top 25 ranking due to several bidders obtaining the same consolidated score, they will all secure a place on the framework.

A request to participate should be made by email to fcg@dft.gov.uk

The procurement process will be managed through and tenders must be submitted electronically via the authority's award e-Sourcing portal — to arrange access to please email fcg@dft.gov.uk

VI.4) **Procedures for review**

VI.4.1) **Review body**

Royal Courts of Justice
London
United Kingdom
Internet address: www.justice.gov.uk

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

VI.4.3) **Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

DfT will incorporate a minimum ten (10) day standstill period at the point of information on the award of the framework agreement. This period allows unsuccessful tenderers to seek further de-briefing from DfT before the framework agreements are entered into. Additional information should be requested, initially by email, from the contact in Section 1.1. If a potential challenge regarding the award of a framework agreement (or lack thereof) has not been successfully resolved, the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England and Wales).

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

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

25/07/2019