

## CONTRACT NOTICE

### SERVICES

#### **SECTION I: CONTRACTING AUTHORITY**

##### **I.1) NAME, ADDRESSES AND CONTACT POINT(S):**

Official Name: Department for International Development  
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Attention: Wasonga Misumi  
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##### **Internet address(es):**

General Address of the contracting authority: <https://www.gov.uk/government/.../department-for-international-development>  
Address Of the Buyer Profile:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development/about/procurement>

**Further information can be obtained at:**

**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained at:**

**Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to:**

##### **I.2) TYPE OF THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY AND MAIN ACTIVITY OR ACTIVITIES:**

REGIONAL AUTHORITY  
GENERAL PUBLIC SERVICES

#### **SECTION II: OBJECT OF THE CONTRACT**

##### **II.1) DESCRIPTION**

##### **II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority:**

Trade and Investment Advocacy Fund - TAF2 Plus

##### **II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance:**

SERVICES  
Main site or location of works: South Lanarkshire  
NUTS code: UKM38

##### **II.1.3) This notice involves**

##### **II.1.4) Information on framework agreement:**

Duration of the framework agreement: Duration in year(s):  
Justification for a framework agreement, the duration of which exceeds four years:  
Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement:

##### **II.1.5) Short description of the contract or purchases(s):**

DFID is seeking a Fund Manager to manage the Trade and Investment Advocacy Fund (TAF2 Plus). The Fund will build on the Trade Advocacy Fund (TAF1) which provided on-demand technical assistance to developing countries to participate in trade negotiations. TAF2 Plus will build on the first phase by expanding to include in international investment negotiations, enhanced support in DFID Priority Countries and financial contributions to certain organisations. TAF2 Plus will run for a contracted period of six years with the option to extend by up to a further 24 months with a total programme budget of £16 million. The Fund will have four windows: a Negotiation Window (£8 million), which will provide short-term technical support to any developing countries during a negotiation; a Strategic Window (£4 million), that provides medium to long-term technical support to DFID priority countries prior to, and initially after, a negotiation (such as country level trade analysis and strategy planning); and DFID Country Office window (£500,000) that provides highly technical trade advice. The fourth window, the Institutional Support Window (£1.5 million), will provide financial support to organisations that deliver niche trade and investment-related services. This will be managed under a direct grant arrangement with DFID. The objective of the contract is to establish and manage a demand-led call down facility that provides highly technical trade and investment services. The Outcome Statement is to increase the technical skills and coordination of trade and investment ministries in developing countries. The services will be for the benefit of developing country governments and the citizens of those countries which includes the poorest and most vulnerable. The direct beneficiaries will be government officials and, to a lesser extent, DFID country office staff

seeking highly technical trade advice and training. Interested suppliers are now invited to participate in the call to competition which shall follow a 2 stage (Restricted Competition) format commencing with a Pre Qualifier stage following which shortlisted bidders will be Invited to Tender.

**II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary:**

75211200

**II.1.7) Contract covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA):**

NO

**II.1.8) Division into lots:**

NO

**II.1.9) Variants will be accepted:**

NO

**II.2) QUANTITY OR SCOPE OF THE CONTRACT**

**II.2.1) Total quantity or scope:**

Estimated value excl. VAT: 2000000.0

Currency: GBP

**II.2.2) Options:**

DFID reserves the right to extend the resultant contract by upto a further 24 months.

**II.3) DURATION OF THE CONTRACT OR TIME-LIMIT FOR COMPLETION:**

Duration in months: 72 (From the award of contract).

**SECTION III: LEGAL, ECONOMIC, FINANTIAL AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

**III.1) CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE CONTRACT**

**III.1.1) Deposits and guarantees required:**

As per PQQ documents

**III.1.2) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions regulating them:**

As per PQQ documents

**III.1.3) Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded:**

As per PQQ documents

**III.1.4) Other particular conditions to which the performance of the contract is subject:**

No

**III.2) CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION**

**III.2.1) Personal situation of economic operators, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers:**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met: As per PQQ documents

**III.2.2) Economic and financial capacity:**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met: As per PQQ documents

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: As per PQQ documents

**III.2.3) Technical capacity:**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met: As per PQQ documents

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: As per PQQ documents

**III.2.4) Reserved contracts:**

**III.3) CONDITIONS SPECIFIC TO SERVICES CONTRACTS**

**III.3.1) Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession:**

No

**III.3.2) Legal entities should indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff responsible for the execution of the service:**

NO

**SECTION IV: PROCEDURE**

**IV.1) TYPE OF PROCEDURE**

**IV.1.1) Type of procedure:**

Restricted

**IV.1.2) Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate:**

Envisaged number of operators:

Minimum: 5

Maximum: 8

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: As per PQQ documents

**IV.1.3) Reduction of the number of operators during the negotiation or dialogue:**

NO

**IV.2) AWARD CRITERIA**

**IV.2.1) Award criteria:**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of the criteria stated in the specifications, in the invitation to tender or to negotiate or in the descriptive document.

**IV.2.2) An electronic auction will be used:**

No

**IV.3) ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**IV.3.1) File reference number attributed by the contracting authority:**

7623

**IV.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract:**

No

**IV.3.3) Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document**

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 8. 8. 2016 - 00:00

Payable documents: No

**IV.3.4) Time-limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate:**

8. 8. 2016 - 14:00

**IV.3.5) Date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates:**

**IV.3.6) Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up:**

EN

**IV.3.7) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender:**

Period in months (from date stated for receipt of tenders):

6

**IV.3.8) Conditions for opening tenders:**

8. 8. 2016 - 14:00

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: No

**SECTION VI: COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**VI.1) THIS IS A RECURRENT PROCUREMENT:**

No

**VI.2) CONTRACT RELATED TO A PROJECT AND/OR PROGRAMME FINANCED BY EU FUNDS:**

No

**VI.3) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**VI.4) PROCEDURES FOR APPEAL**

**VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures:**

Official Name: Michael Ross

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**Body responsible for mediation procedures:**

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**VI.4.2) Lodging of appeals:**

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals:

**VI.4.3) Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained:**

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**VI.5) DATE OF DISPATCH OF THIS NOTICE:**

5. 7. 2016

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