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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Address of the buyer profile: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development/about/procurement/>

I.2) Joint procurement

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice/>
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: Development Services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title:

Africa Clean Energy Programme - ACE
Reference number: PO 7950

II.1.2) Main CPV code

75211200

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description:

The Africa Clean Energy (ACE) Business programme will catalyse a market-based approach for private sector delivery of high quality solar home system (SHS) products and services. This will lead to improved energy

access for people and communities in sub-Saharan Africa currently without modern energy, with an emphasis on poor people and marginalised groups.

The ACE Business programme focuses exclusively on developing a market for individual solar home systems (this includes multiple lighting solar kits). It does not include community-wide and larger mini-grids, for which other DFID programmes are providing assistance. It will also exclude single solar light sources, which have less potential than solar home systems to be transformational. Making solar home systems affordable for poorer people is an important focus for the programme. The programme will complement, not duplicate, DFID's existing programmes and related initiatives of other donors.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 31 000 000.00 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)

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS code: UKM95

II.2.4) Description of the procurement:

The Technical Assistance (TA) and Knowledge Management Facility will support the implementation of policy, regulatory and other actions developed by the Energy Africa Compacts. These aim to improve the enabling environment for a market-based approach to private sector delivery of solar home system (SHS) products and services, by ensuring that the potential of off-grid solar energy to increase electricity access is recognised, and by helping governments to put in place appropriate policies and regulations, as well as other aspects of the broader enabling environment.

The TA and Knowledge Management Facility will also:

- Generate and disseminate knowledge on the success factors for, and benefits of, private sector delivery of off-grid solar energy across Africa.
- Coordinate activities across ACE Business interventions, including with other relevant donor initiatives to promote collaboration.

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: 31 000 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: no

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

Envisaged minimum number: 5

Maximum number: 8

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:

Mandatory and discretionary exclusion, economic and financial standing, technical and professional ability, modern slavery act 2015 requirements, minimum insurance requirements, tenderers past performance, duty of care, international aid transparency initiative, acceptance of DFID terms and conditions, and DFID Supply Partner Code of Conduct, as outlined in document - PO 7950 Africa Clean Energy (ACE) Selection Questionnaire (SQ) Supplier Information and Instructions

A Tenderer must meet the selection criterion in relation to reliability namely that DFID must be satisfied that (i) the contracts on the list to be provided by the Tenderer have been satisfactorily performed in accordance with their terms or,

(ii) where that has not occurred, the reason or reasons why that has not occurred in relation to any such contract, will not recur in the performance of the contract to be awarded.

A Tenderer that fails to meet this selection criterion will not proceed further in this competition.

The contract will be governed by English Law. Prices are not required at the initial selection stage (SSQ), however, when required, prices must be quoted in GBP. All payments for the contract will be made in GBP Sterling. DFID reserves the right to annul the process at any point and not award the contract.

Legal form to be taken by the grouping of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded - Joint and several liabilities. DFID reserves the right to require joint ventures to form a single legal entity.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria:

Selection Criteria as detailed in Procurement Documents

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

Minimum requirements as detailed in Procurement Documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria:

Selection Criteria as detailed in Procurement Documents

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

Minimum requirements as detailed in 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**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing 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**
- IV.2.2) **Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**
Date: 10/11/2017
Local time: 10:00
- IV.2.3) **Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**
Date: 07/12/2017
- 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: 6 (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**
- VI.3) **Additional information:**
The Authority expressly reserves the right
(i) not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; and
(ii) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition; and in no circumstances will the Authority be liable for any costs incurred by the candidates.
Procurement documents can be accessed through the DFID Supplier portal (<https://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice/>)
- VI.4) **Procedures for review**
- VI.4.1) **Review body**
Gerry O'Connor, Department for International Development
Eaglesham Road
East Kilbride
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United Kingdom
- VI.4.2) **Body responsible for mediation procedures**
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VI.4.3) **Review procedure**

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

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**
05/10/2017