GovAssure – PINS Independent Assurance Review

Contract reference 17/2/1240

Written Proposal Template

You will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria provided in Section 4 of the requirement.

**Table A**

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| **Date** |  | |
| **Name of requirement** | 17/02/1240 GovAssure – PINS Independent Assurance Review | |
| **Supplier name** |  | |
| **Summary** | The Planning Inspectorate (PINS) wishes to procure a supplier to conduct an independent assurance review of PINS assessment of one system returns against the National Cyber Security Centre’s Cyber Assessment Framework. Following PINS completing a self-assessment of one system against an appropriate government profile (baseline or enhanced) under the National Cyber Security Centre’s Cyber Assessment Framework, a supplier will conduct an assessment of the department’s systems in scope, assessing the completed self-assessment and provided evidence to author a final report stating whether PINS meets the assigned government profile against the systems in scope. | |
| **Data Storage** | Please confirm that your data is stored in the UK or EEA | Yes/No |
| If data is stored in the EEA please confirm where the data is stored. Please specify the country and city. |  |

**Table B**

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| **Are you NCSC Assured?** | Yes/No | | | | | |
| If **Yes**, select all the NCSC Assurance schemes that apply to you | Assured Consultancy Risk Management | Yes/No | **AND** | Assured Consultancy Security  Architecture | | Yes/No |
| **OR** | | **OR** | |  |
| Assured Consultancy Audit and review | Yes/No | CHECK Penetration Testing | | Yes/No |
| **If NO** can you meet the basic requirements below? | | | | | | |
| Basic requirements | * Professional indemnity insurance * Management of the use of contractors * Staff vetting - minimum of one person Security (SC) cleared for the review team members * Complaint handling * Data management & security * Cyber Essentials plus certification and information security policies and processes to handle HMG information for the system on which all information relating to GovAssure work is held | | | | Yes/No | |
| Cyber audit and risk management | **One of**:   * ISO27001 Lead auditor * ISACA - Certified Information Security Auditor (CISA) | | | | Yes/No | |
| Technical Cyber Security Expert | **One of:**   * CREST Certified Penetration Tester * CREST Certified Infrastructure Tester * CREST Certified Web Applications Tester * CERT Certified Simulated Attack Specialist * CREST Certified Simulated Attack Manager * CREST Certified Intrusion Analyst * Cyber Scheme Team Leader (CSTL) * TigerScheme CHECK Team Leader (CTL / SST) | | | | Yes/No | |

**PLEASE PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF ALL YOUR CERTIFICATION/ACCREDITATION FOR TABLE B**

**\*\*Any supplier not meeting the criteria above will be excluded from the procurement**

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| **Conflicts of Interest** |

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| **Please declare any known or perceived conflicts of interest with any employees or contractors of The Planning Inspectorate** |

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**Any links to documents will not be included in the evaluation and any text over the word limit will not be included in the evaluation.**

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| 1. **Experience & Expertise** | **Please provide evidence of a proven track record in providing Information Security services (preferably in a Public Sector body), specifically in the areas of risk assessments/management, security architecture, independent IT health checks, and penetration testing.**  **Please submit relevant certifications and qualifications (These will not be included in the word count).** **Weighting 20%** |
| **Max 500 words** |  |

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| 1. **Technical Competence** | **Please demonstrate advanced technical skills, tools, and methodologies required to deliver an appropriately high standard of Information Security services. Please also demonstrate a strong understanding of the National Cyber Security Centre’s Cyber Assessment Framework, Cyber audit and risk management, technical cyber security expertise and previous work experience with His Majesty’s Government.**  **Weighting 20%** |
| **Max 500 words** |  |

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| 1. **Compliance & Standards** | **Please provide evidence of your experience of relevant information security standards, frameworks, and regulations, such as ISO 27001, NIST, and GDPR and your ability to align your services with these standards and ensure compliance. Please provide any evidence of relevant certifications/ accreditation**  **Weighting 15%** |
| **Max 500 words** |  |

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| 1. **Reporting & Communication** | **Please evidence your experience and capability to provide detailed and actionable reports, communicate effectively with stakeholders, and present findings and recommendations in a clear and concise manner.**  **Weighting 15%** |
| **Max 500 words** |  |

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| **Social Value**  Max 300 words | As an Executive Agency of a Central Government Department (DLUHC) PINS is required via Procurement Policy Note (PPN06/20) – to take into account Social Value in the Award of Central Government Contracts.    **Social Value – your commitment to your team and ours**     * The social value theme in this case will be Wellbeing.     Why is this a priority?    Benefits driven through social value are a valuable tool in improving wellbeing.    Government has partnered with Mind, the metal health charity in the creation of the Mental Health at Work website which includes documents, guides, tips, videos, courses, podcasts, templates and information from key organisations across the UK, all aimed at helping employers get to grips with workplace mental health. Government encourages employers to better support all employees, including those with mental health problems, to remain in and thrive through work.    <https://www.mentalhealthatwork.org.uk/>  Your proposals for looking after the wellbeing of staff used on this contract and the Inspectorate staff with whom they will react will be examined as part of our Quality evaluation.    Submit a method statement describing your company’s commitment to deliver on the wellbeing social value for your recruiters and other employees engaged to deliver this contract - and the wellbeing of the Inspectorate staff with whom they will interact. Your response should demonstrate action to support their health and wellbeing, both physical and mental.    Explain the measures you will put in place and the KPIs that will enable you to monitor, measure and report on your social value commitment and the impact of these measure  **Please see Annex C for Guidance on completing your method statement**  **The Social Value score weighting is 10%** |
| **Max 300 words** |  |