Mini Competition

Questions



Department for Energy Security & Net Zero



Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

Mini Competition against an existing Framework Agreement (MC) on behalf of integrated Corporate Services (ICS) Subject: Purchase of MacBook Air Laptops Sourcing Reference Number: DDaT24364

Section 6 – Response Evaluation Questionnaire

Bidders should note that the response evaluation questionnaire is located within the **eSourcing questionnaire.**

Guidance on how to register and use the e-sourcing portal is available at https://beisgroup.ukp.app.jaggaer.com/

PLEASE NOTE THE QUESTIONS ARE NOT NUMBERED SEQUENTIALLY

QUALIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Please state the full legal name and address and contact details of the organisation tendering (or organisation acting as lead contact where a consortium bid is being submitted).		
The information should be based on the details of the organisation bidding (or organisation acting as lead contact where a group/consortium bid is being submitted).		
This is the legal entity with whom we will Contract if successful.		
For information only		
Text		
(a)Bidders full legal name (b)Address line 1 Address line 2 Address line 3 Address line 4 Town / City Country Post code (or equivalent) (c)Bidder contact (d)Telephone No. (e)Email		

SEL1.4	Please state the relevant classification of your organisation (state whether you fall within one of these, and if so which one)	
Bidder Guidance	The Bidder shall choose from the following options; A. SME B. Voluntary Community Social Enterprise (VCSE) C. Sheltered Workshop D. Public Service Mutual E. N/A Where options A, B,C and D are not applicable to your organisation please respond with option E	
Scoring Criteria	For information only	
Answer Type	Option List A. SME B. Voluntary Community Social Enterprise (VCSE) C. Sheltered Workshop D. Public Service Mutual E. N/A	

SEL1.5	Please state the size of your organisation at the time of bid submission
Bidder Guidance	The Bidder shall choose from the following options;
	A. Micro – fewer than 10 persons employed

Scoring Criteria For information only Answer Type Option List	
Type	
A. Micro – fewer than 10 persons employed	
B. Small – 10-49 persons employed	
C. Medium – 50-249 persons employed	
D. Large – 250 or more persons employed	
FOI1.1 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 (FOI) AND / OR	
ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004 (EIR)	
Information provided in the course of the procurement process ma disclosed under Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmenta Information Regulations 2004 if requested under an FOI request or request.	al
Please note that some of the information provided may be protected under the FOI Act exemptions and EIR Exceptions. More information applying the exemptions or exceptions can be found under the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) website <u>http://ico.org.uk</u>	
Please confirm you have been informed that information provided this Bid may be disclosed under the FOI Act 2000 and Environment Information Regulations 2004 and agree to it being published irrespective of submitting a successful or unsuccessful Bid.	
Bidder The Bidder shall answer Yes or No	
Guidance Yes – Pass No – Fail	
Scoring Mandatory Pass / Fail	
Criteria Answer Option List	
Answer Option List Type	
Yes – Pass	
No – Fail	
FOI1.2 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 (FOI) AND / OR]

FOI1.2	FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 (FOI) AND / OR ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004 (EIR) EXEMPTIONS
	Please complete this section <u>only</u> if you have agreed for your information to be disclosed under the FOI Act or EIR in Question FOI1.1. If you have not agreed to your information to be disclosed under the FOI Act or EIR in Question FOI1.1 please complete a field 'N/A' (Not applicable)
	If you have agreed for your information to be disclosed under the FOI Act or EIR in Question FOI1.1 please tell us what exemptions or exceptions may apply to your information and why?

Bidder Guidance	The Bidder shall provide details of their proposed exemptions/exception in the fields below.
	The Bidder shall note that if the Contracting Authority believes that the suggested exemptions or exceptions have not been applied properly, the Contracting Authority will disclose the requested information unless another exemption or exception can be applied by the Contracting Authority.
	Be aware that by completing FOI1.1 and answering 'yes' you have agreed for the Contracting Authority to disclose the provided information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulation 2004; therefore, you will not be approached for consent.
	Bidders are required to complete the table fields below, highlighting your proposed exemptions to this question.
	If you are not relying on any exemptions or exceptions, please complete each field 'N/A' (not applicable).
Scoring Criteria	For information only
Answer Type	Confidential Information and justification for exemption/exception under FOI Act
	Text
	Commercially sensitive information and justification for exemption/exception under FOI Act
	Text

AW1.1	FORM OF BID	
	I declare that to the best of my knowledge the answers submitted in this Mini Competition are correct. I understand that the information will be used in the process to assess my organisation's suitability to be invited to bid for the Contracting Authority's requirement and I am signing on behalf of my organisation. I understand that the Contracting Authority may reject this Mini Competition if there is a failure to answer all relevant questions fully or if I provide false/misleading information.	
	I understand that the Government's transparency agenda requires that sourcing documents, including Mini Competition templates such as this, are published on a designated, publicly searchable web site, and, that the same applies to other sourcing documents issued by the Contracting Authority, including the Request for Quotation, and any contract entered into by the Contracting Authority with its preferred supplier once the procurement is complete.	
	By submitting a response to this Mini Competition, I agree that our participation may be made public.	
	I understand that the answers given in this response will not be published on the web site (but may fall to be disclosed under Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004).	
	By submitting a response to this Mini Competition, I agree and accept	

	the justification for the Contracting Authority's evaluation criteria.
	By submitting a response to this Mini Competition I agreed and accept that the Contracting Authority reserves the right to change without notice the procedure for awarding the Contract, to reject any or all bids for the Contract, to stop the process and not award the Contract (in whole or in part) at any time without any liability on its part.
	By submitting a response to this Mini Competition, I agree and accept that nothing in this process is intended to form any express or implied contractual relationship between the Parties unless and until a Contract is awarded. The Contracting Authority is not liable for any costs resulting from cancellation of this process nor any costs incurred by Bidders taking part in this procurement process.
	I understand that where sourcing documents issued by the Contracting Authority or contracts with its suppliers fall to be disclosed the Contracting Authority will redact them as it thinks necessary, having regard (inter alia) to the exemptions/exceptions in the FOIA or EIR.
Bidder	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No
Guidance	Yes – Pass
Cooring	No – Fail
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer	Option List
Туре	
	Yes – Pass
	No – Fail

AW1.3		E OF BONA FIDE BID
	competitive we certify th we have not	e of procurement is that the customer shall receive bona fide Bids, from all those Bidding. In recognition of this principle, hat this is a bona fide bid, intended to be competitive and that fixed or adjusted the amount of bid by or under or in with any agreement with any other person.
	We also cer	tify that we have not done and we undertake that we will not
		ne before the hour and date specified for the return of this ne following:
	(a)	Communicate to a person other than the person calling for these bids the amount or approximate amount of the proposed bid, except where the disclosure, in confidence, of the approximate amount of the bid was necessary to obtain insurance premium quotations for the preparation of the bid;
	(b)	Enter into any agreement or arrangement with any other person that he shall refrain from bidding or as to the amount of any bid to be submitted;
	(c)	Offer to pay or agree to pay or give any sum of money or valuable consideration directly or indirectly to any person for doing or having done or causing or have caused to be done in relation to any other bid or proposed bid for the said supply / service any act or thing of the sort described

	above.
	In this certificate, the word "person" includes any persons and any body or association, corporate or unincorporated, and any "agreement or arrangement" includes any such transaction, formal or informal, and whether legally binding or not.
	We acknowledge that the Contracting Authority will be entitled to cancel the contract and to recover from us the amount of any loss resulting from such cancellation if we or our representatives (whether with our without our knowledge) shall have practiced collusion in Bidding for this contract or any other contract with the Contracting Authority or shall employ any corrupt or illegal practices either in the obtaining or execution of this contract or any other contract with the Contracting Authority.
	We agree that the Contracting Authority may disclose the Bidders information/documentation (submitted to the Contracting Authority during this Procurement) more widely within Government for the purpose of ensuring effective cross-Government procurement processes, including value for money and related purposes.
Bidder Guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No Yes – Pass No – Fail
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer Type	Option List Yes – Pass
	No – Fail

AW3.2	Conflict of Interest	
	Please confirm you have nothing to declare with respect to any current or potential interest or conflict in relation to this project (or any subcontractors or consortium member where applicable) which could be reasonably perceived to affect the actual or perceived deliverables.	
Bidder Guidance	By conflict of interest, we mean, anything which could be reasonably perceived to affect the impartiality of this project, or to indicate a professional or personal interest in the outcomes from this project.	
	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No with justification.	
	Yes, we can confirm we are not in a position of a conflict of interest – Pass	
	No with justification , we declare all interests and have given full details in response to AW3.2.1. Please refer to AW3.2.1 for details of what amounts to a valid justification - Pass	
	If your situation changes during the procurement process you must promptly notify the Contracting Authority via the eSourcing Portal if any conflicts of interest arise or any additional information arise in relation to the conflict of interest you have declared.	

	For absolute clarity should a bidder select 'Yes' you are not required to respond to AW3.2.1, however if you select 'No with Justification' you will be required to complete AW3.2.1 in order to be considered.
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass/Fail
Answer Type	Option List Yes, we can confirm we are not in a position of a conflict of interest – Pass
	No with justification , we declare all interests and have given full details in response to AW3.2.1. Please refer to AW3.2.1 for details of what amounts to a valid justification.
AW3.2.1	Where a Bidder has answered question AW3.2 with 'No with justification' they must provide full details of any current or potential interest or conflict in relation to this project (including any subcontractors or consortium member where applicable) which could be reasonably perceived to affect the actual or perceived deliverables. Bidders are also required to give a full account of the actions or
	processes that it will use to ensure that a conflict of interest is avoided. In any statement of mitigating actions, bidders are to outline how they propose to achieve a robust, impartial and credible approach to the project.
	Where a bidder has responded 'Yes' to AW3.2 you are not required to respond to this question.
Bidder Guidance	By conflict of interest, we mean, anything which could be reasonably perceived to affect the impartiality of this project, or to indicate a professional or personal interest in the outcomes from this project.
	If your situation changes during the procurement process you must promptly notify the Contracting Authority via the eSourcing Portal if any conflicts of interest arise or any additional information arise in relation to the conflict of interest you have declared.
	Where there is an actual or potential conflict of interest, it is suggested the organisation (or consortia where applicable) design a working arrangement such that the deliverables cannot be influenced (or perceived to be influenced) by the organisation which is the owner of an actual or potential conflict of interest. For example, consideration should be given to maintain an impartial approach to the project.
	Bidders are required to give a full account of the actions or processes that it will use to ensure that a conflict of interest is avoided. In any statement of mitigating actions, bidders are to outline how they propose to achieve a robust, impartial and credible approach to the project.
	The information received will be subject a Pass or Fail, according to whether based on the information provided there remains a conflict of interest which may affect the impartiality of the project and the deliverables.
	Failure to declare or avoid a conflict of interest at this or a later stage may result in exclusion from the procurement process.

	Any bidder selecting 'No with Justification' to AW3.2 and failing to upload an attachment to this question detailing the information above may not be considered further.
Scoring	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Criteria	
Answer	Attachment
Туре	

AW4.1	Please confirm your acceptance of the Framework Terms that can be found within the Instructional Attachments section within this question.
Bidder Guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes, No with justification or No
	 Yes – Pass We accept the special terms and condition in their entirety. No with justification – Pass. Complete the document upload attached to AW4.2 with details of what amounts to a valid justification. No – Fail
	For absolute clarity should a bidder select 'Yes' or 'No' you are not required to respond to AW4.2, however if you select 'No with Justification' you will be required to complete AW4.2 in order to be considered.
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer Type	Option List Yes, we accept the terms and condition in their entirety – Pass No with justification – Pass. Complete the document upload attached to AW4.2 with details of what amounts to a valid justification. No – Fail

AW4.2	Where a Bidder has answered question AW4.1 with 'No with justification' they must detail the justification and the proposed change to the clause.Where a bidder has responded 'Yes' or 'No' to AW4.1 you are not required to respond to this question.
Bidder Guidance	A justification for not accepting a specific clause or series of clauses from the attached Special Terms is that the Bidder would be in breach of legal requirements or statutory regulations by complying with that clause or series of clauses (i.e. for the avoidance of doubt, being unable to comply with a clause or series of clauses because of an internal policy reason will not be considered to be a justification for a legal requirement or statutory regulation).
	 Where the Bidder has answered question AW4.1 as "no with justification", the Bidder shall provide a Contract mark-up utilising track changes detailing the relevant clause, the proposed changes to the clause and the justification for the changes. In this case, the Bidder shall score a pass if (but only if) the Contracting Authority considers both the following requirements are satisfied: the reasons stated as justifying the Bidder's statement that it cannot accept the Special Terms due to legal requirements or statutory regulations are valid; and the changes submitted do not create significant risk for the Contracting Authority and are reasonably necessary and proportionate to ensure the Bidder complies with the legal requirements and statutory

	regulations.
	In the event of a Bidder answering Yes or No to Question AW4.1 and then providing a proposed mark up, rejection of a clause or a justification for a change then the response will be a Fail.
	Any bidder selecting 'No with Justification' to AW4.1 and failing to upload an attachment to this question detailing the information above will not be considered further.
	Bidders are to note that any requested modifications to the Contracting Authority Terms and Conditions on the grounds of statutory and legal matters only, should be raised as a formal clarification during the permitted clarification period.
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer Type	Attachment

AW4.3	Public Procurement Policy Note 01/22 - Contracts with suppliers from Russia or Belarus
	The Government introduced its Public Procurement Policy Note 01/22 'Contracts with suppliers from Russia or Belarus' (PPN 01/22) in response to the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, which was met with unprecedented global condemnation. The UK Government has introduced financial and investment sanctions aimed at encouraging Russia to cease actions which destabilise Ukraine.
	The PPN requires the Contracting Authority to decline to consider (or otherwise exclude from participating in the procurement) bids from suppliers (or their sub-contractors) who are constituted or organised under the law of Russia or Belarus, or whose 'Persons of Significant Control' information states Russia or Belarus as the place of residency or where materials in the supply chain originate from those states in accordance with Procurement Policy Note PPN 01/22.
	Unless exceptions within the PPN apply, the Contracting Authority may exclude from this competition any tenders that are deemed from suppliers (including any subcontractors) who are constituted or organised under the law of Russia or Belarus, or whose 'Persons of Significant Control' information states Russia or Belarus as the place of residency; or materials within the supply chain originate from those states.
	Mandatory Information questions:
	Question 1 - Please confirm if the country or territory of origin of any supplies to be used within the supply chain for this contract opportunity is the Russian Federation or the Republic of Belarus.
	Question 2- Please confirm if your own (or your subcontractors) location of business activities or interests of a contractor is constituted or organised under the law of Russia or Belarus, or whose 'Persons of Significant Control' information states Russia or Belarus as the place of residency

	Bidders are to complete the document provided in the instructional attachment and state Yes or No to each question. If you answer Yes to either of the questions in this table above, then you must clearly set out in your attachment provided, why you believe one of the exceptions within PPN 01/22 apply.
Bidder Guidance	The Bidder shall replicate the above 2 questions in an attachment and answer Yes or No to each of the above, along with an explanation to any question answered as Yes .
	A failure to provide a Yes or No response will result in your exclusion from further consideration under this procurement.
	A failure to provide a supporting justification of an exemption to the satisfaction of the Contracting Authority, may result in your exclusion from further consideration under this procurement.
	The Contracting Authority may seek further clarification from any bidder in regards to any attachment provided, that seeks to rely upon any exemptions provided in PPN 01/22.
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer Type	Attachment

SEL5.2	Where you intend to sub-contract a proportion of the contract, please demonstrate how you have previously maintained healthy supply chains with your sub-contractor(s)
Bidder Guidance	Evidence should include, but is not limited to, details of your supply chain management tracking systems to ensure performance of the contract and including prompt payment or membership of the UK Prompt Payment Code (or equivalent schemes in other countries)
Scoring Criteria	For Information Only

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

AW6.1	Please confirm your compliance to the requirements of Section 4 Specification
Bidder Guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No
	Yes – Pass
	No – Fail
Scoring	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Criteria	
Answer	Option List
Туре	
	Yes – Pass
	No – Fail

AW6.2	Variable Bids
Bidder Guidance	The Contracting Authority shall not accept variable bids as part of this Procurement. The criteria in regard to variable bids for this Procurement is outlined below.
	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No
	Yes - We have provided a variable bid only – Fail No - We have chosen to only offer a main bid and have not chosen to provide an alternative bid submission – Pass
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer Type	Option List Yes - We have provided a variable bid only – Fail No - We have chosen to only offer a main bid and have not chosen to provide an alternative bid submission – Pass

AW6.3	Delivery Date for Specification 1 and Specification 2
Bidder Guidance	 Please confirm that in the event your bid is successful, and this contract is in place by 27th August 2024 when you will be able to deliver the initial 250 laptops from either Specification 1 or Specification 2. The Bidder shall provide delivery date to for both specification 1 and 2 based on the Apple lead times.
Scoring Criteria	For Information only.
Answer	Free Text
Туре	

AW6.4	Apple Authorised Reseller
Bidder Guidance	Bidders are required to confirm that they are an Apple Authorised Reseller
	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No
	Yes - We are an authorised Apple Reseller – Pass
	No – We are not an authorised Apple Reseller – Fail
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail

Answer	Option List
Туре	
	Yes - We have provided a variable bid only – Fail
	No - We have chosen to only offer a main bid and have not chosen to provide
	an alternative bid submission – Pass

PROJ1.1	Social Value - Tackling Economic Inequality MAC2.1
	For the Theme & Measure detailed in the bidder guidance below, please describe the commitment(s) your organisation will make. You should include:
	 a 'Method Statement' stating your commitments, how you will achieve them, and highlighting how your commitments meet the Award Criteria. a detailed project plan and process, including how you will implement your commitments and by when, how they will be monitored, measured and reported. You should include specific metrics, the tools / processes that will be used to gather data and report on it, feedback and improvement, and how the whole process will maintain transparency. an overview of how you will influence staff, suppliers, customers and communities to support delivery of your commitments (for example through engagement, co-design / creation, training and education, partnering / collaborating, volunteering, etc.)
	Planned Metrics are provided below, your commitments to social value should align to one or more of these metrics. If you believe that alternative metrics would be more effective at achieving the Theme / Measure, please outline them in your proposal with a clear explanation of the comparable benefit.
	For each theme, we will be assessing the qualitative aspects and outcomes of your commitments. Priority should be given to incremental value that you will commit to as a direct result of being awarded this contract. If you are not in a position to commit to specific Social Value deliverables directly related to this contract award, you must demonstrate your corporate track record of delivering Social Value that aligns with the Theme and Measure below.
Bidder Guidance	Bidders are to describe the commitment(s) their organisation will make for the theme and measure below.
	Theme: Tackling Economic Inequality
	Measure: MAC2.1: Create opportunities for entrepreneurship and help new organisations to grow, supporting economic growth and business creation.
	Award Criteria
	Activities that demonstrate and describe the tenderer's existing or planned:
	Understanding of the level of Small, Medium and Large organisations and Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprises and Mutuals participation in the contract supply chain

	 Identification of opportunities to grow supplier diversity in the contract supply chain or in the location/community where the contract is performed, including SME and VCSE participation and new business creation Engagement activities for potential new suppliers to the contract supply chain, prior to awarding subcontracts. Measures to make the supply chain working environment conducive to a diverse range of suppliers and growing businesses, including but not limited to: structuring the supply chain selection process in a way that ensures fairness (e.g. anti-corruption) and encourages participation by new and growing businesses advertising supply chain opportunities openly and to ensure they are accessible to new and growing businesses, including advertising subcontracting opportunities on Contracts Finder ensuring accessibility for disabled business owners and employees prompt payment
	Planned Metrics: For each of the following categories:
	 start-ups SMEs VCSEs; and mutuals: The number of contract opportunities awarded under the contract The value of contract opportunities awarded under the contract in £ Total spend under the contract, as a percentage of the overall contract % of contract spend within locality and/or region of primary service delivery (in support of departmental commitments to the Levelling Up agenda) Supply Chain Engagement Index (e.g., Net Promoter Score from supplier feedback surveys)
	This question is limited to 4 sides of A4, font 11pt Arial. Any additional content provided beyond this will not be considered or scored during the evaluation process. Where bidders include a cover page, this will be taken into consideration within the page count and therefore this is discouraged.
Scoring Criteria	Scoring is based on the 0 – 100 scoring methodology. Maximum Marks – 10.00%
Answer Type	Attachment

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COMMERCIAL QUESTIONNAIRE

AW5.1	Please confirm your bid submission price for completion of all the Supplies as detailed in the Section 4 Specification.
	All prices shall be in £ GBP and exclusive of VAT.
Bidder Guidance	Bidders shall provide their bid submission price for completion of all Supplies as detailed in the Section 4 Specification.
	The scoring methodology for this question shall be:
	Price will be evaluated using proportionate pricing (lowest bid / bid * mark). A bidder's score will be based on the lowest total score received divided by their total cost and then multiplied by the marks available.
	For example, if the total basket price for three bid responses is received and Bidder A has quoted £50,000 as their total price, Bidder B has quoted £80,000 and Bidder C has quoted £100,000 then the calculation will be as follows:
	(Maximum marks available in this example being 12.5)
	Bidder A Score = 50000/50000 x 12.5 = 12.5
	Bidder B Score = 50000/80000 x 12.5 = 7.81
	Bidder C Score = 50000/100000 x 12.5 = 6.25
	This evaluation criteria will therefore not be subject to any averaging, as this is a mathematical scoring criterion, but will still be subject to a commercial review.
	The lowest score possible is 0.
Scoring Criteria	Maximum Marks 90.00%
Answer Type	Numeric
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AW5.2	Based on the Bidders AW5.1 bid submission price for completion of all the Supplies as detailed in the Section 4 Specification, Bidders are now

AW5.2	 Based on the Bidders AW5.1 bid submission price for completion of all the Supplies as detailed in the Section 4 Specification, Bidders are now required to complete the attached Excel AW5.2 Pricing Schedule document with a breakdown of all the costs that make up their final bid price. All prices shall be in £ GBP and exclusive of VAT. All costs appearing elsewhere in the Bid but not mentioned in this Pricing Schedule shall be presumed waived.
Bidder Guidance	Based on the Bidders AW5.1 bid submission price for completion of all the Supplies as detailed in the Section 4 Specification, Bidders are now required to complete the attached Excel AW5.2 Pricing Schedule document with a breakdown of all the costs that make up their final bid price.
	All prices shall be in £ GBP and exclusive of VAT.

	All costs appearing elsewhere in the Bid but not mentioned in this Pricing Schedule shall be presumed waived.
	The total submitted within your excel pricing schedule must equal the total price submitted in AW5.1
Scoring Criteria	For Information Only
Answer Type	Attachment

AW5.3	Please confirm your price shall remain firm and fixed for the individual laptop items as outlined in the pricing schedule for the full term of the Contract.
Bidder	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No
Guidance	
	Yes – Pass
	No – Fail
Scoring	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Criteria	
Answer	Option List
Туре	
	Yes – Pass
	No - Fail