**The Department of Work & Pensions Digital Supplier Resources – Supplier Event**

Date & Time: 19th February 2021 10:00 to 12:30

(Teams Event Hosted via Tech-UK)

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) is responsible for welfare, pensions and child maintenance policy. As the UK’s biggest public service department we administer the State Pension and a range of working age, disability and ill health benefits to around 20 million claimants and customers.

We are responsible for understanding and dealing with the causes of poverty rather than its symptoms, encouraging people to work and making work pay, encouraging disabled people and those with ill health to work and be independent, providing a decent income for people of pension age and promoting saving for retirement, providing value for money and reducing levels of fraud and error, and reducing work-related death and serious injury in workplaces through the Health and Safety Executive.

Our priorities are to;

* Run an effective welfare system that enables people to achieve financial independence by providing assistance and guidance into employment
* Increase saving for, and security in, later life
* Create a fair and affordable welfare system which improves the life chances of children
* Deliver outstanding services to our customers and claimants
* Transform the way we deliver our services to reduce costs and increase efficiency

DWP’s IT is managed by DWP Digital Group. The Group operates on a scale unrivalled almost anywhere. The services touch the lives of almost everyone in the UK at some point. Our IT systems manage 7.35 million benefit claims each year, paying £165 billion in benefits and pensions.

DWP Digital Group currently utilise a number of routes to procure third–party specialist resource and expert services via existing contracts and frameworks. Some of the existing Legacy contracts are approaching expiry and we are looking how best to fulfil these requirements in the future by considering our strategy and capability of the marketplace.

The DWP is exploring the approach to contracting for multiple resource skills and expertise in support of Digital and ICT Roles. One of the options under consideration is a DWP specific framework that would sit alongside CCS frameworks and would potentially allow for the sourcing of specialist resource and expert services to bridge capability gaps, access scarce skills, provide operational flexibility and meet capacity demands whilst ensuring value for money.

We are looking to engage suppliers including SME’s to test our thinking about this option, including the potential construct of a framework and any possible lotting structure.

The requirement has not yet been finalised, and DWP is hosting an Industry pre-market engagement event to give potential suppliers the opportunity to better understand requirements and provide information on best practice and potential ways forward.

This will be held on 19/02/2021 as part of a Tech-UK Event held virtually over MS Teams.

There will be a Digital and Commercial presentation from 10:00am where a high level overview of the requirement will be provided. The event will also provide an opportunity for suppliers to provide information to shape DWP strategy. Following the presentation there will be an opportunity for suppliers to ask any questions.

After the event, suppliers will be invited to complete a questionnaire to provide supporting information on a range of areas that will support DWP’s strategy in respect of Digital Supplier Resourcing. The supplier responses will be reviewed and where appropriate, suppliers may be invited to a 1-2-1 to explore ideas and discuss further.

Suppliers interested in attending the event should book by 15th February 2021 via the Tech UK Event Page link below:

<https://www.techuk.org/what-we-deliver/events/dwp-digital-industry-engagement-digital-supplier-resourcing.html>

Please note that due to technical capacity constraints suppliers will be limited to a maximum of 2 representatives.

Registration is for the Pre-Market Engagement Event only. Please note, this is NOT a Contract Notice or invitation to tender for a contract opportunity. In the event that DWP wishes to progress with procurement activity, a separate Contract Notice will be advertised on Contracts Finder and Find a Tender service (FTS) websites.