

CONTRACT NOTICE

SERVICES

SECTION I: CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

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

Official Name: Procurement

Address: Abercrombie House, Eaglesham Road,

Town: East Kilbride

Country: UK

Fax: +44 1355843909

Internet address(es):

General Address of the contracting authority:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development)

[development](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development)Address Of the Buyer Profile: <https://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/self-service>

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:

Africa Clean Energy (ACE) Business

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

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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):

Africa Clean Energy (ACE) Business The Africa Clean Energy (ACE) Business programme will catalyse a market-based approach for private sector delivery of 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 This Africa regional programme will help enterprises across Africa to supply off-grid energy products and services; and help put in place the enabling environment that facilitates a market based approach to off-grid renewable energy. The ACE Business programme focuses exclusively on developing a market for individual solar home systems. It does not include community-wide and larger mini-grids, for which other DFID programmes are providing assistance. It will also exclude single solar lanterns, 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. The programme aims to overcome many of the barriers preventing the development of markets for solar home systems This regional programme would cover a range of countries where DFID is looking to support the Energy Africa campaign. The countries would be selected from: Mozambique, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, Somalia, Senegal, Nigeria, Ghana and Sierra Leone. The programme will cover the above 14 priority countries of the Energy Africa Campaign, where governments have signalled commitment to enabling a market-based approach to household solar programme includes two components that will be implemented by suppliers selected through a competitive process. Component 1: Technical Assistance (TA) for the Enabling Environment and Learning Facility The TA and Learning 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. This includes: • Policy and regulatory reform: assisting governments to put in place appropriate policies and regulations, • Learning: generating and disseminating knowledge and evidence on the success factors for, and benefits of, private sector delivery of off-grid solar energy across Africa, including the application of learning • Coordination: promoting collaboration between ACE Business interventions and other relevant initiatives, and encouraging other donors to contribute towards ACE objectives and activities Component 2: Competitive Business Facility (CBF) The CBF will provide support to businesses providing SHS products and services that are in their start-up and early commercialisation phase, or more established businesses entering new markets in sub-Saharan Africa (geographically or in terms of market segment). Enterprises will be selected for support through a competitive process, where businesses compete for assistance. Support to each enterprise may include either, or both, of: • Technical assistance: supporting businesses to improve their capabilities and skills to develop, grow and take advantage of market opportunities e.g. undertaking market analysis, and developing their products, ideas, and business plans • Financing: providing access to pioneer grant financing to enterprises in their start-up and early commercialisation, and expansion phase (e.g. through partial match-funded grants) for early-stage proof of concept, enterprise start-up, business development or geographical expansion

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary:

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

NO

II.1.8) Division into lots:

Division into lots:

II.1.9) Variants will be accepted:

NO

II.2) QUANTITY OR SCOPE OF THE CONTRACT

II.2.1) Total quantity or scope:

Range between (lower bound): 0.0

and (upper bound): 0.0

Currency: GBP

II.2.2) Options:

Contracts will include options to extend for up to a further 2 years

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

Duration in months: 54 (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:

None

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

The contract will be governed by English Law. Prices must be quoted in GBP and all payments under the contract will be made in GBP. DFID reserves the right to annul the process and not award the contract. DFID does not provide advance funding, therefore, SP will be required to pre-finance all programme activities, before claiming reimbursement from DFID in arrears.

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

Joint and Several Liability

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: Please refer to tender documentation

III.2.2) Economic and financial capacity:

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met: Please refer to tender documentation

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: None

III.2.3) Technical capacity:

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met: Please refer to tender documentation

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: Please refer to tender documentation

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:

YES

SECTION IV: PROCEDURE

IV.1) TYPE OF PROCEDURE

IV.1.1) Type of procedure:

Negotiated

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

Envisaged number of operators:

Minimum: 3

Maximum: 5

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: The intention is to arrive at a minimum Shortlist of 3 and a maximum of 5 for Invitation to Tender (ITT) for each Lot. Only Suppliers who have demonstrated an acceptable standard of Technical Capability, Experience and Financial Standing will be Short Listed.

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

YES

IV.2) AWARD CRITERIA

IV.2.1) Award criteria:

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of criteria stated below:

1 :

Criteria: Lot 1 - Technical

Weighting: 65

2 :

Criteria: Lot 1 - Commercial

Weighting: 25

3 :

Criteria: Lot 1 - Value for Money

Weighting: 10

4 :

Criteria: Lot 2 - Technical

Weighting: 65

5 :

Criteria: Lot 2 - Commercial

Weighting: 25

6 :

Criteria: Lot 2 - Value for Money

Weighting: 10

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:

7417

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:
Payable documents: No

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

9. 9. 2016 - 10:00

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:

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:

Additional Information: The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement, and the resulting contracts will be awarded on the basis of the most economically advantageous tenders, in line with the strategic priorities outlined in the ToR. Tender documents including draft terms of reference are available in our Supplier Portal. However, only Registered Suppliers can access these documents. Details on Supplier Portal and guidance to register can be found in: <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Work-with-us/DFID-portal/> Expressions of interest should be via the DFID portal, <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Procurement/DFID-portal/> using the PQQ guidance available. Programme staff should not be contacted directly. Following assessment of PQQ, DFID will invite shortlisted applicants to submit full technical and commercial proposals and inform applicants not short-listed that they are unsuccessful. If circumstances require further extension beyond the original contract duration/agreed extensions, DFID will consider doing so by means of the negotiated procedure where necessary conditions can be met. From 1.4.2001, all UK development assistance has been fully untied which allows suppliers from anywhere in the world to bid for DFID contracts

VI.4) PROCEDURES FOR APPEAL

VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures:

Official Name: Michael Ross

Address: Department for International Development, Abercrombie House, Eaglesham Road

Town: East Kilbride

Country: UK

Body responsible for mediation procedures:

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:

VI.5) DATE OF DISPATCH OF THIS NOTICE: