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Awarded contract

HO UKVI - Migration Business Endorsing Body Services

Home Office

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Home Office

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MBEB Procurement Team

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office>

Buyer's address

<https://homeoffice.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Public order and safety

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

HO UKVI - Migration Business Endorsing Body Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72221000 - Business analysis consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Home Office is seeking to improve immigration arrangements for entrepreneurial talent from overseas, including further reform of existing visa routes. The service requires Endorsing Bodies to assess the credibility and potential of business and investment proposals and to oversee the successful implementation and delivery of businesses subsequently set up in United Kingdom.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £9,500,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79412000 - Financial management consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Authority has customers (Visa Applicants) in the UK who include but are not limited to:

- those seeking to extend permissions to work or study in the UK;
- those seeking to extend permissions to stay or settle with family;
- those seeking to evidence their rights as European Economic Area nationals and family members; and
- those progressing from earlier immigration permissions to British nationality.

The UK Visa & Immigration (UKV&I) service is responsible for making millions of decisions every year about who has the right to visit or stay in the country, with a firm emphasis on national security and a culture of customer satisfaction for people who come here legally.

The business endorsement function services the current UK unsponsored business visa programmes covering a number of business/investment routes. To qualify for a visa, applicants must first obtain an endorsement from an approved endorsing body. Endorsement does not guarantee a visa will be issued, but shows the Visa Applicant and their business, has the support of leading business organisations or higher education providers.

The Authority may expand the scope of the migration business Endorsing Body services to accommodate future policy decisions in relation to other visa routes to include, but not be limited, to development of the immigration system's offer for business and innovation focused visa routes.

The key service requirements are for endorsing bodies to:

- Assess and issue endorsements for visa applicants (Customers);
- Stay in contact with the Customer, where the Customer has previously been endorsed, at checkpoints after 12 and 24 months, and report on their progress, and in particular alerting the Authority if they are not satisfied with their progress and performance for the duration of their endorsed leave;
- Carry out further endorsements and Checkpoint Monitoring where a Visa Applicant applies for a visa extension;
- Issue further endorsements in respect of a Customer's settlement application.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Title

Concession Contract For the Provision of Migration Business Endorsing Body Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 October 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 13

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 11

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 13

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Geminus Innovation Limited

Preston

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Investors Limited

Droitwich

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

UK Endorsement Services

Wigan

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £9,500,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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