Cyber Security as a Service

Contract reference 17/2/1145

Written Proposal Template

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

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| **Date** |  |
| **Name of requirement** | 17/02/1145 Cyber Security as a Service |
| **Supplier name** |  |
| **Summary** | The Planning Inspectorate is seeking proposals from qualified and experienced suppliers of Information Security services. As an organisation operating in the Public Sector, we recognise the criticality of safeguarding our information assets, protecting our infrastructure, and ensuring the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of our systems and data. To achieve these goals, we require a specific set of Information Security services |
| **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 |  |

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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 current threats, vulnerabilities, event management (SIEM) tools, threat intelligence platforms, vulnerability scanning tools, and incident response methodologies. Weighting 20%** |
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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. Weighting 15%** |
| **Max 500 words** |  |

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| 1. **Reporting & Communication**
 | **Please demonstrate 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** | 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** |  |