**Contracts Finder Advertisement**

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| 1. **Summary Information**
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| **\* Your reference:** | CCLL16A01 |
| **\* Notice title:** | Provision of Benchmarking Services |
| **\* Closing Date:** | 26/07/2016 |
| **\* Contract Start Date:** | 11/08/2016 |
| **\* Contract End Date:** | 10/08/2017 |
| **\* Is this noticed linked to another notice?** | No |
| **Reference of Linked Notice** | **Reason for Link** |
| N/A | N/A |
| **\* Lowest Actual Value (£)** | £0 |
| **\* Is this suitable for SMEs?** | Yes |  |
| **\* Is this suitable for VCSEs?** | Yes |  |
| **\* Contract Type** | Service contract |
| **Procedure Type (optional)** | Open procedure |
| 1. **Location and Industry**
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| **\* Region** *(There is an option to enter a postcode or select a region(s) where the Goods/Services will be delivered)* | Any Region |
| **\* CPV Code** (There is a ‘Quick search’ function available if a CPV code is known, or search by category listed opposite) | Finance and Related Services Other Services |
| **Description** |
| \* Description:(Max 3000 characters. Your description will be truncated if longer than 300 characters in the search results) | This requirement is to appoint a single supplier to deliver price benchmarking services across all Crown Commercial Service’s common goods and services categories. The aim of the Price Benchmarking Services Contract is to demonstrate Government’s commercial capability and achievements through independent evidence, which is to be provided by a suitable Supplier. The benchmarking exercises will also encourage suppliers to provide the best value for money for the products and/or services they offer in the marketplace, in order to win contracts. The aims and objectives of the Price Benchmarking Services Contract are as follows: * So that the Authority can demonstrate the impact of the Government’s policy of centralisation in deriving substantial savings;
* For the Supplier to provide robust and reliable reports demonstrating the value being added by the Authority, thereby improving confidence;
* For the Supplier to provide an independent view of the value delivered via the Authority’s commercial procurement solutions, so ensuring customers are better placed to assess both the value they receive and the Authority’s overall performance;
* For the Authority to demonstrate to customers that it is able to effectively drive down prices so encouraging further and wider use of those commercial procurement solutions available via the Authority;
* For the Supplier to provide a price comparison between the prices paid via the Authority's commercial procurement solutions against prices paid by companies in the private sector, to provide customers with confidence that they are receiving value for money; and
* For the Supplier to provide an assessment of how prices paid through the Authority’s commercial procurement solutions compare to the market, to allow the Authority to further seek price reductions.

For further clarifications please see Appendix B - Statement of Requirements attached to this advertisement. |
| 1. **Contact Details**
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| **Website (Optional)** | [www.gov.uk/ccs](http://www.gov.uk/ccs)  |
| **Attachments** |
| **Supporting Documents** | Invitation to TenderAppendix A – Terms of ParticipationAppendix B – Statement of RequirementsAppendix C – Terms and ConditionsAppendix D – Response GuidanceAppendix E – Pricing ScheduleAppendix F – Supplier Guidance |
| **Additional Text Field**  | **How to apply Instructions to Potential Providers:**Potential Providers must first be registered on the Crown Commercial Service e-Sourcing Suite in order to respond to the Procurement. If you have not yet registered on the e-Sourcing Suite, this can be done online at <https://gpsesourcing.cabinetoffice.gov.uk> by following the link ‘Register for CCS e-Sourcing’. Please note that, to register, you must have a valid DUNS number (as provided by [Dun and Bradstreet](http://www.dnb.co.uk/dandb-duns-number)) for the organisation which you are registering, who will be entering into a contract if invited to do so at the Invitation to Tender stage. Potential Providers should note that it could take up to 10 working days to obtain a DUNS number.Full instructions for registration and use of the system can be found at:<http://gps.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/i-am-supplier/respond-tender> Once you have registered on the e-Sourcing Suite, you will need to express your interest by emailing ExpressionOfInterest@Crowncommercial.gov.uk Your email must clearly state: * the name/reference of this procurement
* the name of the registered supplier; and
* the name and contact details

Crown Commercial Service will then process your registration and assign your organisation to the opportunity. The registered user will receive a notification email to alert them once this has been done.It is advised however that Potential Providers register as soon as practically possible in order to receive the Invitation to Tender and have a sufficient amount of time to respond. Crown Commercial Service is not able to offer any extensions to the advertised procurement timetable.For technical assistance on use of the e-Sourcing Suite please contact the **Helpdesk** Freephone: 0345 410 3333Email: supplier@crowncommercial.gov.uk  |