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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice/>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.5) Main activity

Other activity: International aid

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title:

United Kingdom - Nigeria Infrastructure Advisory Facility (UKNIAF)
Reference number: PO 7736

II.1.2) Main CPV code

75211200

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description:

Since 2007 DFID has provided support to the Government of Nigeria to improve infrastructure services in Nigeria through the Nigeria Infrastructure Advisory Facility I & II . Reports by the programme Technical Review Panel (TRP) and programme annual reviews have been made available.

DFID now wishes to seek the services of a supplier to implement the United Kingdom Nigeria Infrastructure Advisory Facility (UKNIAF) which will consolidate and build on the achievement of NIAF I & II.

The UKNIAF programme consists of five core areas; the power and roads sectors and public infrastructure finance through the budget and private infrastructure finance through Public Private Partnerships (PPPs). There will also be a separate component providing support to Borno and Yobe States in North East Nigeria

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 72 800 000.00 GBP

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title:

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS code: UKM95

Main site or place of performance:

Services within the Contract will be delivered within Nigeria.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement:

DFID will contract a supplier to establish and manage a flexible, demand-led technical assistance facility that delivers the full requirements set out in this ToR. The facility will deliver technical assistance to Government of Nigeria clients in the areas identified. The supplier will be expected to establish a physical office in Abuja from where the administration of the facility will be managed. This will allow continuous engagement between the supplier and stakeholders and act as a base for UKNIAF implemented activities in Government of Nigeria institutions.

Once in place, the supplier will work closely with DFID, the Government of Nigeria and other donors to develop a contextual understanding of the relevant component areas. One of the first outputs under the inception phase will be a mapping of the sectors to gauge where demand is likely to come from and where other donors are already providing assistance.

Suppliers should propose a structure for the facility in their tender. Proposals should include how the supplier will administer the facility, how learning will be captured within the facility and how the delivery of technical assistance will be managed.

The supplier will be responsible for maintaining a roster of experts covering the entire scope of the programme that can be called upon to deliver technical assistance on a demand driven basis. Part of the facility's comparative advantage amongst other donor programmes will be speed and responsiveness; therefore supplier's proposals should specify how this would be achieved. We expect that the supplier will be able to supply the majority of technical assistance directly, however it is likely that whilst under implementation that requests will be made of the facility that the supplier will be unable to meet. It will be critical that the supplier has in place cost effective and efficient approaches for sourcing and sub-contracting external expertise and services to meet these requests when they occur. Where the supplier sub-contracts organisations to deliver part of these services proper due diligence assessments to DFID standards must be carried out to maintain the integrity of the supply chain.

It is envisaged that when awarded, the contracting model utilised for this programme will be an NEC Professional Services Contract. This contracting model will provide an enhanced Contract management structure which is required for this programme's delivery and success. DFID intends to engage further with potential Suppliers on the use of the NEC Contract model whilst the tender is under publication.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: 72 800 000.00 GBP

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged minimum number: 3

Maximum number: 5

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Bidders should note that under this negotiation procedure, the minimum requirements set out in the Terms of Reference (ICPN Volume 3) must be met in Stage 1 (as defined below) of your submission and must continue to be met in the final tender submission.

The Competitive Procedure with Negotiation will be conducted through the following process:

DFID intends to conduct the exercise in 3 stages.

STAGE 1 – INITIAL TENDERS

Suppliers should complete the Stage 1 tender documents and submit their initial tender by the closing date stipulated. DFID will assess the initial tender submission in accordance with the award criteria set out in the contract notice as more fully described in ICPN Volume 2.

If DFID, upon receipt of initial tenders, is able to identify the Potential Supplier which is the most economically advantageous and meets the Requirement and there is no requirement to negotiate on any terms, then it may proceed to identification and selection of a preferred supplier at that stage without further negotiation. If on completion of the assessment DFID identifies a need to negotiate then it may proceed to do so and select a maximum of five Potential Suppliers to participate in Stage 2 - Negotiation. The Potential Suppliers moving to stage 2 will have met the Requirement and be the highest scoring Potential Suppliers based on the assessment of the initial tender and all Potential Suppliers who score lower will be notified at this stage that their tender will not be taken further.

STAGE 2 - NEGOTIATION

DFID will invite those Potential Suppliers who are successful at Stage 2 to take part in negotiation meetings. In advance of the meeting, DFID will provide an agenda which will set out points for discussion, including the areas of the Initial Tender which have not fully satisfied the award criteria.

DFID reserves the right to hold multiple rounds of negotiation and reduce the number of tenders to be negotiated at the following round by applying the award criteria published.

STAGE 3 – DFID will notify the remaining tenderers its intent to close the negotiation phase and will ask for Final Tenders to be submitted. On receipt of the final tenders, bids will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria set out in ICPN Volume 2 and a preferred supplier will be identified. Once a preferred supplier is selected there will be no further opportunity for parties to negotiate.

Potential Suppliers should note that DFID reserve the right to accept the initial tender and conclude the process at stage 1. Potential Suppliers must therefore submit their best Tenders at the outset.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options:

There will be an option to extend the contract by up to a further 24 months. The value advertised for this requirement includes any potential extension budget covering this additional 24 months. .

II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**II.2.13) Information about European Union funds**

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

II.2.14) Additional information

The contract will be governed by English law. Prices must be quoted in GBP Sterling. All payments for the contract will be made in GBP Sterling. DFID reserves the right to annul the process at any point and not award the contract.

Please note, ICPN stage documentation is included for information, these documents are classified as "draft - to be finalised".

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**III.1) Conditions for participation****III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers****III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.5) Information about reserved contracts**III.2) Conditions related to the contract****III.2.1) Information about a particular profession****III.2.2) Contract performance conditions:****III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

Section IV: Procedure**IV.1) Description****IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Competitive procedure with negotiation

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**IV.1.4) Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated

IV.1.5) Information about negotiation

The contracting authority reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without conducting negotiations

IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction

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**

Notice number in the OJ S: [2017/S 236-490076](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date: 08/03/2018

Local time: 14:00

IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

Date: 22/03/2018

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted:

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**Section VI: Complementary information****VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information:**VI.4) Procedures for review****VI.4.1) Review body**

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.4.3) Review procedure**VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained****VI.5) Date of dispatch of this notice:**

29/01/2018