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**United Kingdom-Liverpool: Computer-related professional services
2017/S 079-153445**

Contract award notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service
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Internet address(es):

General address of the contracting authority: <http://www.gov.uk/ccs>
Address of the buyer profile: <https://gpsesourcing.cabinetoffice.gov.uk>

I.2) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local sub-divisions

I.3) Main activity

Other: public procurement

I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1) Description

II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract

Quality Assurance (QA) and Testing for IT Systems.

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

Services
Service category No 7: Computer and related services
Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance: Primarily in the UK with some limited requirements overseas.
NUTS code UK

II.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system (DPS)

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement

II.1.4) Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

Crown Commercial Service as the Contracting Authority has put in place a Pan Government Collaborative Framework Agreement for use by UK public sector bodies (and any future successors to these organisations), which include Central Government Departments and their Arm's Length Bodies and Agencies, Non Departmental Public Bodies, NHS bodies and Local Authorities.
This Framework Agreement provides access to a range of services such as:

- QA & Test Delivery Ownership: responsibility for, and coordination of, all aspects of QA and Test across the business, programme and or project. Includes making QA and test rules, planning; choice of tools; and team leader.
- QA & Test Analysis: analysis, design and execution: covering a variety of test activities, test types and methods. For example, compatibility testing, accessibility testing, functional testing (including exploratory techniques).
- Test Engineering: developing and delivering test automation outlines and services. Typically working as part of a DevOps capability within an Agile development environment. Increasingly, QA & Test specialists are part of and co-located with the development and scrum teams.
- Non-Functional Testing: design and execution of tests to cover non-functional needs, including load & performance and operational acceptance.
- Integration testing: covering the strategy, planning and execution for complex, large scale technical integration testing.
- Assurance: to understand and mitigate risk during third party-led test activities, typically when working in waterfall delivery cycles or legacy contractual environments.
- Consultancy: to provide technical reviews at project, programme or departmental/business unit level to form best QA & Test practices.

Crown Commercial Service reserves the right for an electronic auction to be held by Public Sector bodies during further competition among the parties to the Framework Agreement(s).

II.1.5) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

72590000

II.1.6) **Information about Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The contract is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

II.2) **Total final value of contract(s)**

II.2.1) **Total final value of contract(s)**

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) **Type of procedure**

IV.1.1) **Type of procedure**

Open

IV.2) **Award criteria**

IV.2.1) **Award criteria**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of

1. Quality. Weighting 100

IV.2.2) **Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction has been used: no

IV.3) **Administrative information**

IV.3.1) **File reference number attributed by the contracting authority**

RM3810

IV.3.2) **Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract**

Contract notice

Notice number in the OJEU: [2016/S 231-421843](#) of 30.11.2016

Section V: Award of contract

Contract No: RM3810 Lot 7

Lot No: 7 - Lot title: QA & Testing Management Service

- V.1) **Date of contract award decision:**
24.3.2017
- V.2) **Information about offers**
Number of offers received: 43
- V.3) **Name and address of economic operator in favour of whom the contract award decision has been taken**
Quality Assurance and Testing Services for IT Systems
United Kingdom
Internet address: <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/6584f001-6589-4eff-ac35-3c5eb8df7a80>
- V.4) **Information on value of contract**
Initial estimated total value of the contract:
Value: 110 000 000 GBP
Excluding VAT
- V.5) **Information about subcontracting**
The contract is likely to be sub-contracted: yes
Value or proportion of the contract likely to be sub-contracted to third parties:
Not known

Contract No: RM3810 Lot 8

Lot No: 8 - Lot title: QA & Testing Consultancy Service

- V.1) **Date of contract award decision:**
24.3.2017
- V.2) **Information about offers**
Number of offers received: 43
- V.3) **Name and address of economic operator in favour of whom the contract award decision has been taken**
Quality Assurance and Testing Services for IT Systems
United Kingdom
Internet address: <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/6584f001-6589-4eff-ac35-3c5eb8df7a80>
- V.4) **Information on value of contract**
Initial estimated total value of the contract:
Value: 110 000 000 GBP
Excluding VAT
- V.5) **Information about subcontracting**
The contract is likely to be sub-contracted: yes
Value or proportion of the contract likely to be sub-contracted to third parties:
Not known

Contract No: RM3810 Lot 1

Lot No: 1 - Lot title: QA & Testing Specialists

- V.1) **Date of contract award decision:**
24.3.2017
- V.2) **Information about offers**
Number of offers received: 45
- V.3) **Name and address of economic operator in favour of whom the contract award decision has been taken**
Quality Assurance and Testing for IT Systems

United Kingdom

Internet address: <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/6584f001-6589-4eff-ac35-3c5eb8df7a80>

V.4) **Information on value of contract**

Initial estimated total value of the contract:

Value: 110 000 000 GBP

Excluding VAT

V.5) **Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be sub-contracted: yes

Value or proportion of the contract likely to be sub-contracted to third parties:

Not known

Contract No: RM3810 Lot 2

Lot No: 2 - Lot title: Automation, Agile & DevOps

V.1) **Date of contract award decision:**

24.3.2017

V.2) **Information about offers**

Number of offers received: 39

V.3) **Name and address of economic operator in favour of whom the contract award decision has been taken**

Quality Assurance and Testing Services for IT Systems

United Kingdom

Internet address: <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/6584f001-6589-4eff-ac35-3c5eb8df7a80>

V.4) **Information on value of contract**

Initial estimated total value of the contract:

Value: 110 000 000 GBP

Excluding VAT

V.5) **Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be sub-contracted: yes

Value or proportion of the contract likely to be sub-contracted to third parties:

Not known

Contract No: RM3810 Lot 3

Lot No: 3 - Lot title: Load & Performance Testing — no work package example scenario

V.1) **Date of contract award decision:**

24.3.2017

V.2) **Information about offers**

Number of offers received: 36

V.3) **Name and address of economic operator in favour of whom the contract award decision has been taken**

Quality Assurance and Testing for IT Systems

United Kingdom

Internet address: <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/6584f001-6589-4eff-ac35-3c5eb8df7a80>

V.4) **Information on value of contract**

Initial estimated total value of the contract:

Value: 110 000 000 GBP

Excluding VAT

V.5) **Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be sub-contracted: yes

Value or proportion of the contract likely to be sub-contracted to third parties:

Not known

Contract No: RM3810 Lot 4

Lot No: 4 - Lot title: Functional Testing

V.1) **Date of contract award decision:**
24.3.2017

V.2) **Information about offers**
Number of offers received: 45

V.3) **Name and address of economic operator in favour of whom the contract award decision has been taken**
Quality Assurance and Testing for IT Systems
United Kingdom
Internet address: <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/6584f001-6589-4eff-ac35-3c5eb8df7a80>

V.4) **Information on value of contract**
Initial estimated total value of the contract:
Value: 110 000 000 GBP
Excluding VAT

V.5) **Information about subcontracting**
The contract is likely to be sub-contracted: yes
Value or proportion of the contract likely to be sub-contracted to third parties:
Not known

Contract No: RM3810 Lot 5

Lot No: 5 - Lot title: Infrastructure Testing & Environments

V.1) **Date of contract award decision:**
24.3.2017

V.2) **Information about offers**
Number of offers received: 28

V.3) **Name and address of economic operator in favour of whom the contract award decision has been taken**
Quality Assurance and Testing for IT Systems
United Kingdom
Internet address: <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/6584f001-6589-4eff-ac35-3c5eb8df7a80>

V.4) **Information on value of contract**
Initial estimated total value of the contract:
Value: 110 000 000 GBP
Excluding VAT

V.5) **Information about subcontracting**
The contract is likely to be sub-contracted: yes
Value or proportion of the contract likely to be sub-contracted to third parties:
Not known

Contract No: RM3810 Lot 6

Lot No: 6 - Lot title: Operational Acceptance Testing & DR

V.1) **Date of contract award decision:**
24.3.2017

- V.2) **Information about offers**
Number of offers received: 28
- V.3) **Name and address of economic operator in favour of whom the contract award decision has been taken**
Quality Assurance and Testing Services for IT Systems
United Kingdom
Internet address: <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/6584f001-6589-4eff-ac35-3c5eb8df7a80>
- V.4) **Information on value of contract**
Initial estimated total value of the contract:
Value: 110 000 000 GBP
Excluding VAT
- V.5) **Information about subcontracting**
The contract is likely to be sub-contracted: yes
Value or proportion of the contract likely to be sub-contracted to third parties:
Not known

Section VI: Complementary information

- VI.1) **Information about European Union funds**
The contract is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: no
- VI.2) **Additional information:**
Framework term: The duration of the Framework Agreement is a maximum of 3 years, with the first term being 2 years, with a further possible multiple extensions up to a maximum of 3 years in total.
Suppliers should note that, in accordance with the UK Government's policies on transparency, Crown Commercial Service intends to publish the text of any Framework Agreement awarded, subject to possible redactions at the discretion of Crown Commercial Service. The terms of the proposed Framework Agreement will also permit a public sector contracting authority, awarding a contract under this Framework Agreement, to publish the text of that contract, subject to possible redactions at the discretion of the contracting authority. Further information on transparency can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-and-contracting-transparency-requirementsguidance>
The Contracting Authority has awarded a place on this Framework Agreement to the successful suppliers, however this does not mean that there is any guarantee of subsequent contracts being awarded. Any expenditure, work or effort undertaken prior to contract award under this Framework Agreement is a matter solely for the commercial judgement of the successful suppliers. Any orders placed under this Framework Agreement will form a separate contract under the scope of this Framework between the supplier and the specific requesting other contracting body. The Contracting Authority and other contracting bodies utilising the Framework reserve the right to use any electronic portal during the life of the agreement.
The following information has been captured in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 59 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.
The Authority received 1 tender from a group of economic operators.
The Authority received a total of 50 tenders in response to this procurement, all of which were received electronically via the Authority's eSourcing Suite.
The Authority received 32 tenders from SMEs.
The Authority received 1 tender from a non EU state.
The Authority received 0 tenders from EU states other than UK.
- VI.3) **Procedures for appeal**
- VI.3.1) **Body responsible for appeal procedures**

VI.3.2) **Lodging of appeals**

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals:
There is no right of appeal in this procurement. If you have a complaint or seek to challenge the outcome,
please seek your own legal advice.

VI.3.3) **Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained**

VI.4) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

20.4.2017