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Contract notice

Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) **Name and addresses**

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Address of the buyer profile: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development/about/procurement/>

I.2) **Information about joint procurement**

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 Development

Section II: Object

II.1) **Scope of the procurement**

II.1.1) **Title:**

Cross Border Conflict Research Programme
Reference number: PO 8497 & PO 8498

II.1.2) **Main CPV code**

73000000

II.1.3) **Type of contract**

Services

II.1.4) **Short description:**

DFID has approved through the X Border Conflict Evidence, Policy and Trends (XCEPT) programme to fund new, operationally-relevant research on cross border conflict across the Middle East, Asia and Horn of Africa.

This will examine the trans-national networks and narratives that connect them, including flows of people, weapons and resources and provide evidence based options for how international actors should innovate and respond. This will be delivered through Lot 1: X Border Conflict Dynamics/Response (£12 772 500) and Lot 2: Violent and Peaceful Behaviour (£5 772 500)

DFID intends to award these contracts in circa November 2019 for an initial term of 5 years. DFID may extend the duration up to an additional 2.5 years

This requirement IS NOT subject to the Public Contracts Regulation 2015 and Directive 2014/24/EU by virtue of the applicability of Regulation 14. DFID is therefore publishing voluntarily for the purposes of publicity only.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 27 817 500.00 GBP

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:
Lot 1 and Lot 2

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title:

Cross Border Conflict Research Programme - Conflict Dynamics/Response

Lot No: 1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

73000000

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS code: UKM95

II.2.4) Description of the procurement:

DFID will fund new, operationally-relevant research on cross border conflict across the Middle East, Asia and Horn of Africa. This will examine the trans-national networks and narratives that connect them. Lot 1 will focus on:

- PART A - X-Border conflict "Hubs" and X-border "spokes". Research will examine networks operating between major conflicts including Afghanistan, through Iran to the Middle East, through the Levant, North Africa and the Gulf to East Africa. Research will include technology based methods (e.g. Satellite and aerial imagery, financial data, geo-tracking, communications and/or social media) complemented by quantitative and qualitative field work.

- PART B - Innovating Conflict Responses in an era of X-Border conflict. Research will collect and collate empirical evidence on international conflict response systems, including multi-lateral and bilateral efforts focussed on peace support or stability and how they can innovate to meet the challenges of X-border conflict. Applying technology based tools to assessing the conflicts outlined in this research programme will enable researchers to identify cross-border patterns and track how conflict, migration and financial flows connect between conflict affected areas. The successful supplier will design and implement a programme of operationally relevant research which will be refined as the programme begins.

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: 12 722 500.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 60

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options:

DFID will award a contract for this Lot for an initial contract value of up to 12 772 500 GBP. There will be an option to extend for a further 30 months up to an estimated value of 6 386 250 GBP (subject to approval).

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**II.2) Description****II.2.1) Title:**

Cross Border Conflict Research Programme - Violent and Peaceful Behaviour

Lot No: 2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

73000000

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS code: UKM95

II.2.4) Description of the procurement:

Research will examine factors that contribute to violent and peaceful behaviour. Also exploring how individual and group behaviour is shaped by narratives, memory and beliefs. The supplier will design and implement a programme of operationally relevant research for the Lot. Research and method will be proposed in the bidding process and refined as the programme starts.

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: 5 772 500.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 60

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options:

DFID will award a contract for an initial term of 60 months with a value up to 5 772 500 GBP. The contract will include an extension option of up to 30 months, in the event of which the contract may increase up to a maximum of 2 886 250 GBP. DFID reserves the right to scale back or discontinue this programme at any point in line with the terms and conditions. DFID may also scale up the programme should it prove to be having a strong impact and has the potential to yield better results.

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

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

List and brief description of conditions:

Mandatory and discretionary exclusion, economic and financial standing, technical and professional ability, modern slavery act 2015 requirements, minimum insurance requirements, tenderers past performance, duty of care, international aid transparency initiative, acceptance of DFID terms and conditions and DFID supply partner code of conduct as outlined in the procurement documents. A tenderer must meet the selection criterion in relation to reliability namely that DFID must be satisfied that

(i) the contracts on the list to be provided by the tenderer have been satisfactorily performed in accordance with their terms or,

(ii) where that has not occurred, the reason or reasons why that has not occurred in relation to any such contract, will not recur in the performance of the contract to be awarded

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

Legal form to be taken by the grouping of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded - joint and several liabilities. DFID reserves the right to require joint ventures to form a single legal entity.

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

Restricted procedure

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**

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**

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

Date: 15/05/2019

Local time: 14:00

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

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**

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**

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:**

28/03/2019