## Prior Information Notice – Crown Dependency Aviation Safety Audit

The Department for Transport is exploring the possibility of appointing external auditors to conduct an aviation safety audit of the three UK Crown Dependencies (CD) (Isle of Man, Guernsey and Jersey) and Gibraltar. The audits will ensure the provisions and Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) are being maintained. They will assess their responses and evidence to the ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) Protocol Questions (PQs) across all technical areas, as satisfactory or non-satisfactory and consequently reviewing the Corrective Action Plans produced. It will be crucial therefore that suppliers have the relevant experience, accreditation, and training to conduct an audit of this nature.

The audit may cover the 5 Technical Areas below, plus a review of Legislation and Organisation. These and how they apply to the 4 different locations are detailed below.

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| Technical Area | Location |
| Air worthiness | Isle of Man, Gibraltar, Guernsey |
| Flight operations | Isle of Man, Gibraltar, Guernsey |
| Aerodromes and ground aids | All 4 locations |
| Personnel Licensing | All 4 locations (full scope for Isle of Man, Gibraltar, Guernsey, limited scope for Jersey covering only Air Traffic Control licencing) |
| Air Navigation Services | All 4 locations |
| Legislation and organisation | All 4 locations |

We intend to conclude this procurement and award the contract in August 2023. It is our intention to carry out the audits as follows. All dates and information are preliminary and are subject to change.

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| Location | Audit start date | Initial report date | Follow-up report date |
| Guernsey | November 2023 | November 2023 | February 2024 |
| Gibraltar | December 2023 / January 2024 | February 2024 | March 2024 |
| Isle of Man | Mary 2024 | May 2024 | August 2024 |
| Jersey | August 2024 | August 2024 | November 2024 |

We are publishing this Prior Information Notice to request feedback from suppliers to establish the current capabilities, capacities, and appetite of the market, including to:

1. Explore what suppliers are present in this sector, including if there is appetite to work with DfT
2. Understand who suppliers work with (consortiums, or sub-contractors) and what services can be delivered.
3. Obtain views and advice on how best to conduct the audit (given the number of technical areas and locations)
4. Obtain considerations and feedback on how and when work can be delivered

All responses will be treated as confidential.

**Next Steps**

Suppliers who are able to offer advice/solutions relevant to this requirement are invited to respond to complete the below Supplier Questionnaire and submit it via email to AviationSafety@dft.gov.uk by 5th May 2023 at 12pm (midday).

Following the collation of all responses, we plan to host a market event to discuss our proposed solution and subsequent next steps. However, please note that the DfT reserves the right not to run a procurement.

**Supplier Questionnaire**

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| **Contact details**    **Organisation name:**    **Point of contact name:**    **Point of contact email and telephone number:** |
| **Appetite**    **Would bidding for this procurement be of interest to you?**      **Capacity**    **What capacity do you have to bid for DfT’s Crown Dependency Audit? Please include whether your capacity covers all four audit locations and the dates stated. If not, please provide your view on a suitable timeline.**     |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Location | Audit start date | Initial report date | Follow-up report date | | Guernsey |  |  |  | | Gibraltar |  |  |  | | Isle of Man |  |  |  | | Jersey |  |  |  |       **Capability**  **What technical area(s) can you deliver?**     |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Technical Area | Location | Please tick those you can deliver | | Airworthiness Protocol Questions | Isle of Man,  Gibraltar  Guernsey only |  | | Flight operations Protocol Questions | Isle of Man,  Gibraltar,  Guernsey only |  | | Aerodromes and Ground Aids Protocol Questions | All 4 locations |  | | Personnel Licensing Protocol Questions | All 4 locations  - full scope for Isle of Man, Gibraltar, Guernsey,  - limited scope for Jersey) |  | | Air Navigation Services Protocol Questions | All 4 locations |  | | COMPULSORY - Legislation and Organisation Protocol Questions (must be bid for in conjunction with a technical area) | All 4 locations |  |     **Delivery Model**  **We are considering awarding and managing this as one contract, rather than multiple Lots. If so, would you have the network to create a consortium that covers all Technical Areas and the Locations? And/or, would you be willing to bid as part of a consortium? Please provide feedback on this proposal, such as the potential benefits, risks and constraints.**            **Given the number of Technical Areas and Locations, do you have suggestions for a delivery model? What are the benefits and risks of your proposed delivery model?**              **Do you have experience conducting an audit in any of the Technical Areas alongside other auditors? If yes, please detail how this worked.** |
| **Additional Information**  **Finally, please provide any further information that will be worthwhile for us to consider.** |