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**United Kingdom-Liverpool: Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
2018/S 011-020894**

Contract notice

Services

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service
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United Kingdom
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NUTS code: UK

Internet address(es):

Main address: www.gov.uk/ccs
Address of the buyer profile: <https://sid4gov.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/organisation/register>

I.2) Joint procurement

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <http://ccs-agreements.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/procurement-pipeline>
Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address
Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://sid4gov.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/organisation/register>
Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

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: Public Procurement

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title:

Research marketplace dynamic purchasing system (DPS)
Reference number: RM6018

II.1.2) Main CPV code

79000000

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) **Short description:**

Crown Commercial Service is setting up a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for a period of forty-eight (48) months and is inviting suppliers to submit a 'Request to Participate' for the provision of Research services. The four (4) distinct elements of these services include subject area(s), research methods, specific participant group and research location. If you are successfully appointed to the DPS following your request to participate, you will be invited by Customers to submit tenders for relevant service requirements through a call for competition. The initial deadline for requests to participate is 17:00 on 16.2.2018, however, the DPS remains open to any supplier to request to participate throughout its forty-eight (48) month duration. The DPS does not guarantee any minimum spend and there will be no form of exclusivity or volume guarantee under this DPS.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 170 000 000.00 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)**

79000000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK

Main site or place of performance:

Throughout the UK.

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

Provision of research services for all UK CGD and WPS organisations. The core requirement of the research services shall include but not be limited to the one or a combination of services in each of the following four (4) distinct categories:

- Subject area(s)/ subcategories - social, sector, health, finance, communications, business.
- Research Methods/ subcategories - analysis, consultancy, evaluation, mystery shopping, qualitative (face-to-face), qualitative (online), qualitative (services), qualitative (specialist), quantitative (specialist), quantitative (telephone), quantitative.
- Specific participant groups/ subcategories - economy, ethnicity, health, life stage, professions, social, social-economic.
- Research location/ subcategories - UK, British overseas territories, Crown dependencies, Commonwealth, EU and international.
- Security,
- Vetting,
- DPS Management and
- Social Value.

The comprehensive research service matrix can be located in the procurement bid pack.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Criteria below

Price

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

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**

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: no

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**

CCS considers that the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (TUPE) may apply at the Call for Competition. It is the suppliers, responsibility to take their own advice and consider whether TUPE is likely to apply in the particular circumstances of the contract and to act accordingly.

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:

Suppliers will be assessed on the selection criteria information provided in response to their request to participate, for a place on the RM6018 (DPS). The procurement will be managed electronically via: <https://sid4gov.cabinetoffice.gov.uk>.

To participate in this Procurement, participants must first be registered on the SID4GOV site at the following link: <https://sid4gov.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/organisation/register>. Please note that to register, you must have a valid DUNS number (provided by Dun and Bradstreet) for the organisation which you are registering, who will be entering into a contract if invited to do so. Full instructions for registration and use of the system can be found at: <https://sid4gov.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/help/sid4gov/completesq>. Suppliers can submit a request to participate as a single legal entity. Alternatively, you can work together with other legal entities to form a Group of Economic Operators. If you do, we ask the Group of Economic Operators to choose a lead member who will submit the bid on behalf of the Group of Economic Operators and you will have to identify what each of the parties is contributing to the bid.

This RM6018 DPS Agreement is for use by Customers in the United Kingdom that exist on 15/01/2018 and which fall into one or more of the following categories:

1. Any of the following:

- (a) Ministerial government departments;
- (b) Non-ministerial government departments;
- (c) Executive agencies of government;
- (d) Non-Departmental Public Bodies (NDPBs), including advisory NDPBs, executive NDPBs, and tribunal NDPBs;
- (e) Assembly Sponsored Public Bodies (ASPBs);
- (f) Police forces;
- (g) Fire and rescue services;
- (h) Ambulance services;
- (i) Maritime and coastguard agency services;

- (j) NHS bodies;
 - (k) Educational bodies or establishments including state schools (nursery schools, primary schools, middle or high schools, secondary schools, special schools), academies, colleges, Pupil Referral Unit (PRU), further education colleges and universities;
 - (l) Hospices;
 - (m) National Parks;
 - (n) Housing associations, including registered social landlords;
 - (o) Third sector and charities;
 - (p) Citizens advice bodies;
 - (q) Councils, including county councils, district councils, county borough councils, community councils, London borough councils, unitary councils, metropolitan councils, parish councils;
 - (r) Public corporations;
 - (s) Public financial bodies or institutions;
 - (t) Public pension funds;
 - (u) Central banks;
 - (v) Civil service bodies, including public sector buying organisations.
2. Those listed and maintained by the Government on their website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations> or any replacement web-link.
3. Those listed and maintained by the Office of National Statistics (ONS) at <https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/nationalaccounts/uksectoraccounts/datasets/publicsectorclassificationguide> or any replacement web-link.
4. Those set out in the definition of Contracting Authority in regulation 2(1) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR), namely:
- (a) the State, regional or local authorities. This covers parliament, central government, regional government and local government;
 - (b) associations formed by one or more regional or local authorities;
 - (c) bodies governed by public law, as defined under regulation 2(1) of PCR, including any subsidiary and sponsoring department of such bodies. A body which operates in normal market conditions, aims to make a profit, and bears the losses resulting from the exercise of its activity shall not be considered as being a body governed by public law since the needs in the general interest, that it has been set up to meet or been given the task of meeting, can be deemed to have an industrial or commercial character;
 - (d) associations formed by one or more bodies governed by public law including any (applicable) joint venture or corporation;
 - (e) central government authorities, as defined under regulation 2(1) of PCR and listed in Schedule 1 PCR.

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**

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**

The procurement involves the setting up of 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**

Notice number in the OJ S: [2017/S 098-193702](#)

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

Date: 16/02/2018

Local time: 17:00

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**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) **Additional information:**

The values provided in Section II.1.5 are an estimate only. The Authority cannot guarantee to Suppliers any business through the DPS Agreement. The Authority expressly reserves the right (i) not to award any DPS Agreement as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; and (ii) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition; and in no circumstances will the customer be liable for any costs incurred by the suppliers.

VI.4) **Procedures for review**

VI.4.1) **Review body**

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VI.4.2) **Body responsible for mediation procedures**

N/A

N/A

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) **Review procedure**

VI.4.4) **Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

N /A

N/A

United Kingdom

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

15/01/2018