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**United Kingdom-Norwich: IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
2017/S 054-100502**

Contract 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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United Kingdom
Telephone: +44 3450103503
E-mail: supplier@crowncommercial.gov.uk , enablement@crowncommercial.gov.uk

Internet address(es):

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

Further information can be obtained from: The above mentioned contact point(s)

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from: The above mentioned contact point(s)

Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to: The above mentioned contact point(s)

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 by the contracting authority:

Technology Services 2 (RM3804).

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 public contract, a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system (DPS)

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement

II.1.4) Information on framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

maximum number of participants to the framework agreement envisaged: 999

Duration of the framework agreement

Duration in years: 4

Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 1 000 000 000 and 3 000 000 000 GBP

II.1.5) Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

Crown Commercial Service as the Contracting Authority is putting in place a Pan Government Collaborative Framework Agreement for use by UK public sector bodies identified at VI.3 (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.

The above Public Sector Bodies have a need for a technology service Framework Agreement, which will deliver local, regional and national technology services for the range of service outlined below.

The agreement will include but not be limited to the following technology support services:

- Hardware management and support,
- Software management and support,
- Network management and support,
- Data management,
- Enterprise security (Security Operations Centre — SOC services),
- Technology service discovery,
- Technology service disaggregation,
- Transition and transformation of existing technology services,
- Technology strategy and service design.

The Services covered by this Procurement have been sub-divided into 4 Lots, namely:

Lot 1 — Technology Strategy and Services Design,

Lot 2 — Transition and Transformation,

Lot 3 — Operational Services.

a — End User Services,

b — Operational Management,

c — Technical Management,

d — Application and Data Management.

Lot 4a — Programmes and Large Projects: Official Security Level.

Lot 4b — Programmes and Large Projects: above Official Security Level (Secret and Top Secret).

Bidders have the opportunity to bid for all or a combination of Lots 1 to 3. You will be eligible for a place on Lot 4a if you have been successful on all of Lots 1, 2 and 3 (including all of a, b, c and d).

You will be eligible for a place on Lot 4b if you have been successful on all Lots 1, 2 and 3 (including all of a, b, c and d) and passed the additional security requirements.

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

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

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II.1.7) Information about Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

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

II.1.8) Lots

This contract is divided into lots: yes

Tenders may be submitted for one or more lots

II.1.9) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2) **Quantity or scope of the contract**

II.2.1) **Total quantity or scope:**

The Framework Agreement will comprise of 4 Lots:

Lot 1 — Technology Strategy and Services Design,

Lot 2 — Transition and Transformation,

Lot 3 — Operational Services:

a — End User Service,

b — Operational Management,

c — Technical Management,

d — Application and Data Management;

Lot 4 — Programmes and Large Projects.

4a — Official Security Level.

4b — above Official Security Level (Secret and Top Secret).

Estimated spend for year 1 (one) to 4 (four) of the Framework Agreement is between 1 000 000 000 — 3 000 000 000 pounds (GBP)

The value provided in Section II.1.4 is only an estimate.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 3 000 000 000 GBP

II.2.2) **Information about options**

Options: no

II.2.3) **Information about renewals**

II.3) **Duration of the contract or time limit for completion**

Duration in months: 48 (from the award of the contract)

Information about lots

Lot No: 1

Lot title: Technology Strategy and Services Design

1) **Short description**

The design technology strategies, from new or modified /enhancement of the current strategy.

Key attributes:

Capability Analysis, Enterprise Architecture, Technology Gap Assessments, Business Models, Architectures, Road-mapping and IT Financial,

and / or

Service Design.

The identification and design of technology services including resources, processes and assets to meet customer and/or end user service needs. This includes auditing current service provision, continuous service improvement and developing new services.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

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3) **Quantity or scope**

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

Lot No: 2

Lot title: Transition and Transformation

1) **Short description**

Transition and transformation services which support the implementation of new services, service providers, architectures or processes in line with the customer specifications and/or services strategy, with minimal risk and impact to the organisation.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

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3) **Quantity or scope**

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

Lot No: 3

Lot title: Operational Services

1) **Short description**

The services, processes and tools needed to manage the provisioning, capacity, performance, security and availability of the technology environment.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

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3) **Quantity or scope**

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

Delivery of this service should be within at least one of the following service groups:

3a: End User Services,

3b: Operation Management,

3c: Technical Management,

3d: Application and Data Management.

The Framework Agreement duration is for 2 years however the Contract Authority reserves the right to extend the duration of this Framework Agreement for any period of 2 years in increments of two 1 year terms from the expiry of the Initial Term.

Lot title: 4a Programmes and Large Projects Official Security Level

1) **Short description**

For services at the Official Security Level (and below where applicable).

Bidders who qualify for all of Lots 1, 2 and 3 (a, b, c and d will) be eligible for a place on Lot 4a.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

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3) **Quantity or scope**

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

The Framework Agreement duration is for 2 years however the Contract Authority reserves the right to extend the duration of this Framework Agreement for any period of 2 years in increments of two 1 year terms from the expiry of the Initial Term.

Lot title: 4b Programmes and Large Projects above Official Security Level (Secret and Top Secret)

- 1) **Short description**
For services at above Official Security Level (Secret and Top Secret).
Bidders who qualify for Lot 4a (by qualifying for all of Lots 1, 2 and 3 (a, b, c and d) and fully complete and pass the additional security requirements, will be eligible for a place on Lot 4b and the opportunity to deliver programmes and/or project requirements at the Government's Secret Security Level.
- 2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**
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- 3) **Quantity or scope**
- 4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**
- 5) **Additional information about lots**
The Framework Agreement duration is for 2 years however the Contract Authority reserves the right to extend the duration of this Framework Agreement for any period of 2 years in increments of two 1 year terms from the expiry of the Initial Term.

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

- III.1) **Conditions relating to the contract**
- III.1.1) **Deposits and guarantees required:**
Bidders will be advised if this is necessary during the procurement. Parent company and/or other guarantees of performance and financial liability may be required by Crown Commercial Service if considered appropriate.
- III.1.2) **Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them:**
No purchase of good are allowed under this agreement only leasing of equipment.
- III.1.3) **Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded:**
No special legal form is required but if a contract is awarded to a consortium, Crown Commercial Service may require the consortium to form a legal entity before entering into the Framework Agreement.
- III.1.4) **Other particular conditions**
- III.2) **Conditions for participation**
- III.2.1) **Personal situation of economic operators, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**
Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Bidders will be assessed in accordance with Section 5 of the Regulations (implementing the Directive) on the basis of information provided in response to an Invitation to Tender ('ITT').
This procurement will be managed electronically via the Crown Commercial Service's e-Sourcing Suite. To participate in this procurement, participants must first be registered on the e-Sourcing Suite.
If you have not yet registered on the eSourcing Suite, this can be done online at <https://gpsesourcing.cabinetoffice.gov.uk> by following the link 'Register for CCS eSourcing'. Please note that, to register, you must have a valid DUNS number (as 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://www.gov.uk/government/publications/esourcing-tool-guidance-for-suppliers>
Once you have registered on the eSourcing Suite, a registered user can express an interest for a specific procurement. This is done by emailing ExpressionOfInterest@crowncommercial.gov.uk
Your email must clearly state: the name and reference for the procurement you wish to register for; the name of the registered supplier; and the name and contact details for the registered individual sending the email. Crown

Commercial Service will process the email and then enable the supplier to access the procurement online via the e-Sourcing Suite. The registered user will receive a notification email to alert them once this has been done.

As a user of the e-Sourcing Suite you will have access to the Emptoris messaging service which facilitates all messages sent to you and from you in relation to any specific RFX event. Please note it is your responsibility to access these messages on a regular basis to ensure you have sight of all relevant information.

For technical assistance on use of the e-Sourcing Suite please contact Crown Commercial Service Support Desk email: eEnablement@crowncommercial.gov.uk

Responses must be published by the date in IV.3.4.

III.2.2) **Economic and financial ability**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Bidders will be assessed in accordance with Section 5 of the 2015 Public Contract Regulations (implementing the Directive) on the basis of information provided in response to an Invitation to Tender ('ITT').

The ITT can be accessed at: <https://gpsesourcing.cabinetoffice.gov.uk> using the instructions detailed in III.2.1

The Contracting Authority may take into account any of the following information:

- (a) appropriate statements from banks or, where appropriate, evidence of relevant professional risk indemnity insurance;
- (b) the presentation of balance-sheets or extracts from the balance-sheets, where publication of the balance-sheet is required under the law of the country in which the economic operator is established;
- (c) a statement of the undertaking's overall turnover and, where appropriate, of turnover in the area covered by the contract for a maximum of the last 3 financial years available, depending on the date on which the undertaking was set up or the economic operator started trading, as far as the information on these turnovers is available.

III.2.3) **Technical capacity**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met:

Bidders will be assessed in accordance with Section 5 of the 2015 Public Contract Regulations (implementing the Directive) on the basis of information provided in response to an Invitation to Tender ('ITT').

The ITT can be accessed at: <https://gpsesourcing.cabinetoffice.gov.uk> using the instructions detailed in III.2.1.

The Contracting Authority may have regard to any of the following means in its assessment:

- (a) a list of the works carried out over the past 5 years, accompanied by certificates of satisfactory execution for the most important works. These certificates shall indicate the value, date and site of the works and shall specify whether they were carried out according to the rules of the trade and properly completed. Where appropriate, the competent authority shall submit these certificates to the contracting authority direct;
- (b) a list of the principal deliveries effected or the main services provided in the past 3 years, with the sums, dates and recipients, whether public or private, involved. Evidence of delivery and services provided shall be given: — where the recipient was a contracting authority, in the form of certificates issued or countersigned by the competent authority, — where the recipient was a private purchaser, by the purchaser's certification or, failing this, simply by a declaration by the economic operator;
- (c) an indication of the technicians or technical bodies involved, whether or not belonging directly to the economic operator's undertaking, especially those responsible for quality control and, in the case of public works contracts, those upon whom the contractor can call in order to carry out the work;
- (d) the educational and professional qualifications of the service provider or contractor and/or those of the undertaking's managerial staff and, in particular, those of the person or persons responsible for providing the services or managing the work;

(e) an indication of the proportion of the contract which the services provider intends possibly to subcontract;

III.2.4) **Information about reserved contracts**

III.3) **Conditions specific to services contracts**

III.3.1) **Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: no

III.3.2) **Staff responsible for the execution of the service**

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) **Type of procedure**

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Open

IV.1.2) **Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate**

IV.1.3) **Reduction of the number of operators during the negotiation or dialogue**

IV.2) **Award criteria**

IV.2.1) **Award criteria**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of the criteria stated in the specifications, in the invitation to tender or to negotiate or in the descriptive document

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

An electronic auction will be used: no

IV.3) **Administrative information**

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

RM3804

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

Prior information notice

Notice number in the OJEU: [2016/S 152-276108](#) of 9.8.2016

IV.3.3) **Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document**

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 27.4.2017 - 16:59

Payable documents: no

IV.3.4) **Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

27.4.2017 - 17:01

IV.3.5) **Date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

IV.3.6) **Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up**

English.

IV.3.7) **Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

in days: 120 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.3.8) **Conditions for opening of tenders**

Place:

Electronically, via web-based portal

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) **Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2) **Information about European Union funds**

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

VI.3) **Additional information**

Bidders should note that, in accordance with the UK Government's policies on transparency, Crown Commercial Service intends to publish the Invitation to Tender (ITT) document and 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-requirements-guidance>

The duration of the Framework Agreement will be a maximum of 4 years, with the first term being 2 years, with a further possible extension of 2 (two) 1-year periods.

Crown Commercial Service expressly reserves the right (i) not to award any contract 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 Crown Commercial Service be liable for any costs incurred by the Potential Providers. If Crown Commercial Service decides to enter into a Framework Agreement with the successful Supplier, this does not mean that there is any guarantee of subsequent contracts being awarded. Any expenditure, work or effort undertaken prior to contract award is accordingly a matter solely for the commercial judgement of Potential Providers.

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 authority(s). Crown Commercial Service and other contracting bodies utilising the Framework Agreement reserve the right to use any electronic portal during the life of the agreement.

The duration referenced in Section II.1.4 is for the placing of orders.

The value provided in Section II.1.4 is only an estimate. We cannot guarantee to Suppliers any business through this Framework Agreement.

Crown Commercial Service intend to run Potential Bidder webinars week commencing 20.3.2017. Further details of which will be published on the Technology Services 2 page via the CCS pipeline at <http://ccs-agreements.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/procurement-pipeline>

Crown Commercial Service wishes to establish a Framework Agreement for use by the following UK public sector bodies (and any future successors to these organisations):

The following customers, and any of their successors, are permitted to use this Framework Agreement: Central Government Departments, Local Government and Public Corporations that can be accessed at the Public Sector Classification Guide:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/search/index.html?pageSize=50&sortBy=none&sortDirection=none&newquery=Public+Sector+Classification+Guide>

Local Authorities (England and Wales)

<http://www.idea.gov.uk/idk/org/la-data.do>

www.ubico.co.uk

NDPBs

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations>

National Parks Authorities

<http://www.nationalparks.gov.uk/>

Educational Establishments in England and Wales, maintained by the Department for Children, Schools and Families including Schools, Universities and Colleges but not Independent Schools

<http://www.education.gov.uk/edubase/home.xhtml>

Police Forces in the United Kingdom

<https://www.police.uk/contact/force-websites/>

Police Forces and Special Police Forces in the United Kingdom, and/or Police and Crime Commissioners (as defined by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011) and/or the Police Authorities (as defined in the Police Act 1964, Police Act 1996, Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005, Police and Justice Act 2006, Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006), and other relevant legislation for the constituent parts of the United Kingdom, for their respective rights and interests.

Fire and Rescue Services in the United Kingdom

<http://www.fireservice.co.uk/information/ukfrs>

<http://www.nifrs.org/areas-districts/>

<http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-area.aspx>

NHS Bodies England

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/AcuteTrustListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/CCGListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/MentalHealthTrustListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/CareTrustListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/AreaTeamListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/SpecialHealthAuthorityListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/OtherListing.aspx>

Hospices in the UK

<http://www.helpthehospices.org.uk/about-hospice-care/find-a-hospice/uk-hospice-and-palliative-care-services>

Registered Social Landlords (Housing Associations)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/current-registered-providers-of-social-housing>

Third Sector and Charities in the United Kingdom

<http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/find-charities/>

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/search-charity-register/>

<https://www.charitycommissionni.org.uk/ShowCharity/RegisterOfCharities/RegisterHomePage.aspx>

Citizens Advice in the United Kingdom

<http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/index/getadvice.htm>

www.cas.org.uk

<http://www.citizensadvice.co.uk/>

Scottish Public Bodies

The framework agreement will be available for use by any Scottish Public Sector Body: the Authority; Scottish Non-Departmental Public Bodies; offices in the Scottish Administration which are not ministerial offices; cross-border public authorities within the meaning of section 88(5) of the Scotland Act 1998; the Scotland Office; the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body; councils constituted under section 2 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (except where they are acting in their capacity as educational authority); Scottish joint fire boards or joint fire and rescue boards; Scottish joint police boards or any successor National Police or Fire Authority; Scottish National Park authorities, bodies registered as social landlords under the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001, Scottish health boards or special health boards, Student Loans Company Limited, Northern Lighthouse Board, further or higher education institutions being fundable bodies within the meaning of section 6 of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2005 any public body established by or under the Scotland Act 1998 or any Act of the Scottish Parliament, any association of or formed by one or more of the foregoing, bodies financed wholly or mainly by one or more of the foregoing, bodies subject to management supervision

by one or more of the foregoing and bodies more than half of the board of directors or members of which, or, in the case of a group of individuals, more than half of those individuals, being appointed by one or more of the foregoing.

Scottish Government

<http://www.gov.scot>

Scottish Parliament

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/abouttheparliament/27110.aspx>

Scottish Local Authorities

<http://www.gov.scot/About/Government/councils>

<http://www.scotland.org.uk/home/AboutUs/OurMembers/AssociateMembers.aspx>

Scottish Agencies, NDPBs

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Government/public-bodies/about/Bodies>

Scottish NHS Bodies

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Health/NHS-Workforce/NHS-Boards>

<http://www.show.scot.nhs.uk/organisations/>

Scottish Further and Higher Education Bodies

<http://www.universities-scotland.ac.uk/index.php?page=members>

<http://www.collegesscotland.ac.uk/member-colleges.html>

http://www.sfc.ac.uk/aboutus/council_funded_institutions/WhoWeFundColleges.aspx

Scottish Police

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/>

Scottish Housing Associations

http://www.sfha.co.uk/component/option,com_membersdir/Itemid,149/view,membersdir/

The Scotland Office

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/scotland-office>

Registered Social Landlords (Housing Associations) — Scotland

http://www.esystems.scottishhousingregulator.gov.uk/register/reg_pub_dsp.search

Scottish Primary Schools

<http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/parentzone/myschool/findaschool/index.asp>

Scottish Secondary Schools

<http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/parentzone/myschool/findaschool/index.asp>

Scottish Special Schools

<http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/parentzone/myschool/findaschool/index.asp>

Welsh Public Bodies

National Assembly for Wales, Welsh Assembly Government and Welsh Local Authorities, and all bodies covered by:

<http://www.assembly.wales/en/Pages/Home.aspx>

<http://gov.wales>

NHS Wales

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/ourservices/directory>

Housing Associations — Registered Social Landlords Wales

<http://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/publications/registered-social-landlords-in-wales/?lang=en>

Universities in Wales

<http://www.uniswales.ac.uk/universities/>

Colleges in Wales

http://www.collegeswales.ac.uk/en-GB/wales_colleges-42.aspx

Schools in Wales (nursery, primary, middle, secondary, special, independent schools and pupil referral units)

<http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/address-list-of-schools/?lang=en>

Northern Ireland Public Bodies

Northern Ireland Government Departments

<http://www.northernireland.gov.uk/gov.htm>

Northern Ireland Public Sector Bodies and Local Authorities

<http://www.northernireland.gov.uk/az2.htm>

Schools in Northern Ireland

<http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/index/do-it-online/parents-online/find-schools-and-nurseries.htm>

Universities in Northern Ireland

<http://www.deni.gov.uk/links.htm#colleges>

Health and Social care in Northern Ireland

<http://www.hscni.net/>

Northern Ireland Housing Associations

<http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/index/contacts/contacts-az.htm/housing-associations-contact>

Police Service of Northern Ireland

<http://www.psn.police.uk/index.htm>

Any corporation established, or a group of individuals appointed to act together, for the specific purpose of meeting needs in the general interest, not having an industrial or commercial character, and

(i) financed wholly or mainly by another contracting authority listed above in this section VI.3 of this notice;

(ii) subject to management supervision by another contracting authority listed above in this section VI.3 of this notice; or

(iii) more than half of the board of directors or members of which, or, in the case of a group of individuals, more than half of those individuals, are appointed by another contracting authority listed above in this section VI.3 of this notice;

(iv) an association of or formed by one or more of the Contracting Authorities listed above in this section VI.3 of this notice.

Entities which are not public sector bodies may also use the Framework Agreements if the Authority is satisfied that:

— such entity is calling-off services directly, solely and exclusively in order to satisfy contractual obligations to 1 or more public sector bodies, all of which are entitled to use the Framework Agreements on their own account;

— all goods to be called-off by it are to be used directly, solely and exclusively to provide energy at sites occupied by such public sector body(-ies); and

— it will pass the benefit of the call-off contract to such public sector body(-ies) directly, in full and on a purely 'pass-through' basis. Accordingly there must be no mark-up, management fee, service charge or any similar cost solely in relation to the supply of energy imposed on the relevant public sector body(-ies), who must be able to benefit from the terms of the Framework Agreements in a like manner and to the same extent as if using the Framework Agreements on its/their own account.

Cyber Essentials is mandatory for Central Government Contracts which involve handling personal information and providing certain ICT products and services.

The government is taking steps to further reduce the levels of cyber security risk in its supply chain through the Cyber Essentials scheme. The scheme defines a set of controls which, when properly implemented, will provide

organisations with basic protection from the most prevalent forms of threat coming from the internet. There are 2 levels of certification: Cyber Essentials and Cyber Essentials Plus.

To participate in this Procurement, Potential Providers must be able to demonstrate that you comply with the technical requirements prescribed by Cyber Essentials for Services under and in connection with this Procurement by the time the first call-off contract is awarded.

Further details of Cyber Essentials may be found here <https://www.cyberstreetwise.com/cyberessentials/>

Further detail of the mandatory requirements may be found in PPN 09/14.

From 2.4.2014 the Government has introduced Government Security Classifications (GSC) classification scheme to replace the previous Government Protective Marking Scheme (GPMS). A key aspect of this is the reduction in the number of security classifications used. All potential suppliers should make themselves aware of the changes as it may impact on this Requirement. The link below to the Gov.uk website provides information on the new GSC:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications>

VI.4) **Procedures for appeal**

VI.4.1) **Body responsible for appeal procedures**

VI.4.2) **Lodging of appeals**

VI.4.3) **Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained**

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

15.3.2017