

United Kingdom-East Kilbride: Foreign economic-aid-related services

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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC**Section I: Contracting authority**

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Procurement

Postal address: Abercrombie House, Eaglesham Road

Town: East Kilbride

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: s-ellison@dfid.gov.uk**I.2. Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

I.3. Main activity

General public services

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**

Subsidised Temporary Employment Programme (STEP).

II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery

Services

Service category No 27: Other services

Main site or place of performance: South Lanarkshire.

NUTS code UKM38 South Lanarkshire

II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**II.1.4. Information about framework agreement****II.1.5. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

DFID would like to contract a service provider for the STEP programme. The programme aims to incentivise small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to expand production and create new permanent jobs for predominantly low-skilled Lebanese workers as well as — in accordance with Lebanese legislation — temporary jobs for Syrian refugees. STEP is expected to achieve this through the provision of finance and employment incentives, as well as a flexible package of technical assistance to facilitate access to Business Development Services. STEP will be delivered through 3 programme components. Component 1 will provide matching grants that firms can use to invest in eligible activities which enable them to expand output e.g. new equipment and business advisory services and/or eligible working capital and operating costs. The latter might also include training for new employees targeted at particular

business needs. Component 2 will provide short/medium term wage subsidies to eligible SMEs and Component 3 relates to savings accounts for Syrian workers. During the pilot phase, combinations of different services (i.e. matching grants and/or wage subsidies) will be provided to individual SMEs in order to test the effectiveness of different packages of support. The approach will be agreed in advance in consultation with the independent evaluation contractor. Whilst this may provide opportunities to overcome multiple constraints that an enterprise might face, it may also present risks including that support from more than 1 component could provide a level of subsidies that will excessively distort the market. The SP will need to outline in their proposal, how they intend to maximise the benefits of multiple components whilst at the same time, minimising the costs and risks. Further information found at DFID Supplier Portal.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

II.1.8. Lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.9. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2. Scope of the procurement

II.2.1. Total quantity or scope

Scope as defined in the Terms of Reference which can be found on the DFID Supplier Portal <https://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice/>

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 14 500 000 and 50 000 000 GBP

II.2.2. Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options: If necessary, there is an option of up to a 15 month extension to the Contract, dependant on approval from DFID.

II.2.3. Information about renewals

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

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

Duration in months: 36 (from the award of the contract)

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions related to the contract

III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required

III.1.2. Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them

The contract will be governed by English Law. All prices must be quoted in GBP and all payments under the contract will be made in GBP. DFID reserves the right to annul the process and not award the contract. DFID does not provide advance funding therefore

suppliers will be required to pre-finance all programme activities before claiming reimbursement in arrears.

III.1.3. Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded

Joint and Several Liability.

III.1.4. Contract performance conditions

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: no

III.2. Conditions for participation

III.2.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

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. 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: no

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Type of procedure

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Restricted

IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged minimum number 5: and Maximum number 8

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Criteria defined within the Supplier Instructions found on DIFD Supplier Portal.

IV.1.3. Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated no

IV.2. Award criteria

IV.2.1. Award criteria

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

7890

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

no

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

Payable documents: no

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

1.3.2017 - 14:00

IV.3.5. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

IV.3.6. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English.

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

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 1.3.2017 - 14:00

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: no

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2. Information about European Union funds

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

VI.3. Additional information

Expressions of interest should be submitted via the DFID portal <https://supplierportal.gov.uk/selfservice/> Draft Terms of reference and background documents can also be found at this website address. Prices quoted must be in Sterling and all payments under the contract will be made in sterling. The contract will be governed by English law. DFID reserves the right to annul the tendering process and not award the contract. From 1.4.2001 all UK development assistance has been fully untied which allows suppliers from anywhere in the world to bid for DFID contracts. Where circumstances require further extensions beyond the original contract duration/agreed extensions DFID will consider doing so by means of the negotiated procedure where necessary conditions are met.

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

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Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.4.2. Review procedure

VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

30.1.2017