

United Kingdom-London: Research consultancy services

OJ S 127/2019 04/07/2019

Contract notice**Services****Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Private Infrastructure Development Group

Postal address: 6 Bevis Marks

Town: London

NUTS code: UKI31 Camden and City of London

Postal code: EC3A 7BA

Country: United Kingdom

Contact person: Samantha Meen

E-mail: smeen@infracoafrica.com**Internet address(es):**Main address: <https://www.pidg.org/>**I.3. Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://www.pidg.org/>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

I.4. Type of the contracting authority

Other type: Voluntary, government owners require compliance to OJEU process

I.5. Main activity

Economic and financial affairs

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement**II.1.1. Title**

Background and Integrity Checks Panel

II.1.2. Main CPV code

73210000 Research consultancy services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

PIDG Ltd is seeking proposals on behalf of the PIDG Companies in respect of the appointment of a panel of companies to provide background and integrity reports. PIDG Companies commission two types of background and integrity reports:

- (i) as part of its recruitment process, PIDG Companies undertake pre-employment screening on their senior hires; and
 - (ii) as part of the customer due diligence process on project.
- PIDG is looking to appoint a panel of companies for each area (see below) to provide background and integrity reports for a period of 12 months with an option to renew the agreement for 3 extensions for a further 12-month period.

II.1.5. Estimated total value

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: yes
Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2. Description

II.2.1. Title

Pre-employment screening Panel
Lot No: 1

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

73210000 Research consultancy services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

Content of reports

These will primarily be a desktop review with limited in-country source inquiries, save as required to provide the information required pursuant to the scope of work.

- professional and personal background inquiries,
- verification of qualifications (where possible) and experience,
- political exposure,
- regulatory and compliance checks against international sanctions watchlists,
- general reputational issues which would impact the decision to appoint the candidate,
- details of any anti-bribery/corruption or ethical issues (past or present) with which the candidate has/may have been involved,
- details of any legal proceedings (past or present) relating to the candidate including civil, felony, misdemeanour and multi-jurisdictional criminal record checks,
- details of other directorships of the candidate,
- searches of the candidate against public registers,
- a report as to the suitability of the candidate to be appointed,
- would there be a reputational risk for in appointing the candidate?, and
- is there any other reason why the candidate should not be appointed?.

There may be additional specific questions for some reports.

Countries

Across the PIDG, personnel are currently based in the following countries (note that candidates may be based in other jurisdictions and PIDG may open new offices):

- UK,
- Kenya,
- Singapore,
- Senegal.

Timing

Please note that we typically require a report 2 weeks from appointment for review and comment by the relevant PIDG Company, before the report is finalised shortly thereafter.

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

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

Duration in months: 12

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

There is an option to renew the agreement for 3 extensions for a further 12-month period each.

II.2.10. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11. Information about options

Options: no

II.2.13. Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: yes

Identification of the project: PIDG is funded by several governments including the Secretary of State for International Development of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

II.2.14. Additional information

II.2. Description

II.2.1. Title

Africa Panel

Lot No: 2

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

73210000 Research consultancy services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

Content of reports

The scope of work would involve conducting human contact and desktop searches in respect of the following issues:

— reputational issues (past and present),

— legal proceedings (past and present) including civil, felony, misdemeanour and multi-jurisdictional criminal record checks,

— fraud, bribery, corruption or money-laundering allegations/issues (past and present). This includes a brief profile of the commercial footprint and overall reputation in the market place of each company's key principals, with a focus on any negative allegations that they have been involved in. Please also include if any payments have been made to government officials for any aspect of the business,

- ethical issues (past and present),
- source of wealth,
- regulatory and compliance checks against international sanctions watchlists,
- independent confirmation of the registration status, management, and ownership structure of each of the companies. This includes whether any of the companies have unnamed or hidden beneficial owners,
- if any of the subjects (or any of their directors/shareholders) have any political connections or party affiliations which we should be made aware of? If any of these individuals politically exposed persons?,
- how did the subject come to acquire any licences required, including any business license the company is required to operate? We want to be sure that the licence/permit was obtained legitimately (and without allegations of bribery/corruption),
- whether any of the subjects have made any political or charitable donations/contributions,
- whether any of the subjects have any financial difficulties of which we should be made aware, e.g. significant debts, and
- if there is any other reason why we should not invest in the project?.

There may be additional project specific questions for some reports.

Countries

Pursuant to its investment policy, PIDG will operate predominantly in lower income countries as listed in the DAC List of ODC recipients. PIDG also invests in fragile and conflict-affected countries.

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II.2.14. Additional information

II.2. Description

II.2.1. Title

Asia/LevanPanel

Lot No: 3

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

73210000 Research consultancy services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

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II.2.14. Additional information

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions for participation

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.2. Conditions related to the contract

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

Open procedure

IV.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement
Framework agreement with several operators
Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 3

IV.1.8. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

IV.2. Administrative information

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

Date: 31/07/2019

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
Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7. Conditions for opening of tenders
Date: 01/08/2019 Local time: 09:00

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.3. Additional information

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: The Private Infrastructure Development Group Ltd

Town: London

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <https://www.pidg.org/>

VI.4.2. Body responsible for mediation procedures

Official name: The Private Infrastructure Development Group Ltd

Town: London

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <https://www.pidg.org/>

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

Official name: The Private Infrastructure Development Group Ltd

Town: London

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <https://www.pidg.org/>

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

01/07/2019