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**UK-Swansea: computer equipment and supplies  
2011/S 189-308693**

**Prior information notice**

**Services**

**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)**

Secretary of State for Department for Transport (DfT) acting through the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency ("DVLA")

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General address of the contracting authority [www.dvla.gov.uk](http://www.dvla.gov.uk)

Address of the buyer profile [www.dvla.g2b.info](http://www.dvla.g2b.info)

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

**I.2) Type of the contracting authority**

Other: Central Government

**I.3) Main activity**

General public services

**I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities**

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: yes

**Section II.B: Object of the contract (Supplies or services)**

**II.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority:**

Provision of ICT and related services to DVLA. The contract may be extended to include DfT, related organisations and Other Govt Depts.

**II.2) Type of contract and place of delivery or of performance**

Service category No 7: Computer and related services

NUTS code UK

**II.3) Short description of nature and quantity or value of supplies or services:**

Provision of ICT and related services including data management / transmission and scanning services.

It is envisaged the services, which are likely to be let as lots (the exact nature of Lots to be agreed following a market sounding exercise), may include but not be limited to the following:

(i) Business applications support and maintenance – (support and maintenance of production application systems, business continuity management, upgrades to applications resulting from technology changes);

- (ii) Business applications development – (development of new applications, integration with existing systems and interfaces with external systems);
- (iii) Desktop services - (end to end desktop managed service, virtual desktop infrastructure, virtual and thin solutions, standard office applications, remote access, integration and interface management between third party desktop provided services and other services provided under this PIN);
- (iv) System integration (service management, service desk/helpdesk, event management, incident management, problem management, request fulfilment, common service operations, access management, application support management, ICT facilities management, change management, configuration management, knowledge management, release planning, release management, service catalogue management, service level management, capacity management, availability management, service continuity, information security management, supplier management, network management);
- (v) Data Centre services - (data centre provision and management, physical hosting of servers and communication equipment, hosting of business applications, data hosting and hosting of web based systems, backup and disaster recovery);
- (vi) Provision of Hardware and Commercial Off the Shelf (COTS) Software – (licensing of proprietary or open source software including underlying database systems, maintenance, provision of third party items, configuration and implementation services);
- (vii) Corporate systems (corporate website hosting and content management, internet hosting and content management, specialist consultancy, correspondence management and tracking systems, electronic document and records management);
- (viii) Data scanning services – (provision of infrastructure, configuration and integration with other services provided under this PIN);
- (ix) Telecommunications services - (wide area network, government secure intranet, public sector network, non-secure internet connection, mobile telecommunications (voice and data), Criminal Justice Exchange (CJX), Airwave, Video conferencing.

Estimated cost excluding VAT: 2 000 000 000 GBP

II.4) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

30200000, 32000000, 48000000, 64200000, 72000000

II.5) **Scheduled date for start of award procedures**

1.2.2013

II.6) **Information about Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

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

II.7) **Additional information:**

The Department anticipates commencing the procurement of ICT and related services with the publication of an OJEU contract notice on 1.2.2013 or earlier. This procurement shall include but not be limited to the DVLA and supports the Agency's vision "to be a modern, highly efficient organisation, which provides complete, accurate and up to date information and services that fully meet customer and stakeholder requirements". Following publication of an OJEU notice, the Department will invite expressions of interest from potential bidders for a single contract or range of work packages by submission of a pre-qualification questionnaire ("PQQ"). The PQQ shall be available following the publication of the OJEU notice and in line with the Department's procurement plan. It is anticipated that shortlisted suppliers shall engage with the Department in either competitive dialogues and/or restricted procedures from early 2013 to mid 2014. A decision on the procurement process(es) will be made following a market sounding exercise and development of the DVLA's ICT and related services procurement strategy by mid 2012. It is intended to announce the award of contract(s), expected to be for 7 years with options to extend for up to a further 3 years, in early 2014 and for different elements of the contract(s)

to start during 2014 and 2015. In 2010/11 the DVLA's ICT services had a supplier revenue of approximately 160 000 000 GBP. The estimated costs outlined in Section II.3 are subject to change in light of a market sounding exercise, procurement strategy and the scope of activity to be procured.

Before publishing an OJEU contract notice the Department wishes to undertake consultation with the market by way of a market sounding exercise with small, medium and large size enterprises in late 2011 or early 2012. The market sounding exercise will not influence the selection of bidders but aims to assess the feasibility of requirements and work package(s), capability of the market as a whole to achieve what is required, maturity of the market to ensure a competitive procurement, capacity of the market to deliver what is required and identify potential risks. The Agency wishes to invite interested parties to participate in a market sounding exercise to discuss these elements. The Department shall produce a high level prospectus of its requirements, or similar, as a discussion document which will be available in November 2011. Prospective suppliers wishing to obtain a prospectus or engage with the Department in a market sounding exercise should write within 14 days of dispatch of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter to the following e-mail address: [ICT.contractlet@dvla.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ICT.contractlet@dvla.gsi.gov.uk). Additionally, if your organisation wishes to participate in a market sounding exercise please tell us succinctly the areas of your interest as indicated in II.3 (sent to the same e-mail address). It is anticipated the market sounding exercise shall include a supplier day for a range of small, medium and large size enterprises, followed within one month with one to one discussions with a smaller range of enterprises. Suppliers must indicate if they fall within a small (less than 50 employees) or medium (50 to 249 employees) enterprise category. The Department encourages open, fair and transparent procurement and omission from any part of the Department's market sounding exercise shall not be taken into account in any subsequent bidder selection or tender evaluation process.

### **Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

#### **III.1) Conditions relating to the contract**

##### **III.1.1) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them:**

#### **III.2) Conditions for participation**

##### **III.2.1) Information about reserved contracts**

### **Section VI: Complementary information**

#### **VI.1) Information about European Union funds**

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

#### **VI.2) Additional information:**

It is considered that the contracts to which this PIN relates will be Part A services contracts under the Public Contract Regulations 2006 (as amended). The process by which the procurement will be undertaken will be set out in the tender documentation, and will be compatible with applicable EU law. GO reference: GO-2011929-PRO-2671113.

#### **VI.3) Information on general regulatory framework**

#### **VI.4) Date of dispatch of this notice:**

29.9.2011