

DOGS FOR GOOD



Expression of Interest



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BACKGROUND

We believe dogs and the bond we share with them can help us live happier, healthier lives.

We all know the difference dogs can make to our lives; at least for those of us lucky enough to have them. But for some people, dogs actually make life possible.

Millions of people in the UK are affected by conditions that can make everyday life challenging. But not everyone is able to get the support they need — not without facing a lifetime of dependency on others. On top of this, many people also experience social isolation, low confidence and self-esteem, depression and anxiety.

At Dogs for Good, we are working to change that. We bring people and dogs together to make life possible in extraordinary ways. And it is how we bring people and dogs together that makes such a difference.

We know the powerful change that these connections bring about for individuals, families and groups who find the world around them difficult to access. Through carefully matched partnerships and tailored training and activities, they can build the confidence to live happier, healthier and more independent lives.

The Charity's HQ is in Banbury, but it operates in other parts of the UK, including Bracknell, Bristol the North West and Scotland. We work alongside around 650 volunteers and currently support 1,700 people each year by

- matching people with our highly skilled assistance dogs
- helping families make the most of the relationship with their own dog
- providing community-based support for groups of people who can benefit from a connection with our dogs

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PROJECT SUMMARY

CUSTOMER: Dogs for Good

START DATE: 11 November 2024

DATE RESPONSE REQUIRED: 2 December 2024

Dear Supplier

DfG would like to notify you of an upcoming requirement, and by doing so it is keen to understand where the market stands in terms of the Charity's requirement below.

This Expression of Interest (EOI) seeks information relating to a project that will take place in three or possibly four phases starting in the 1st Quarter of 2025. The phases include demolition of an existing structure (1), site preparation and erection of a new c.180sqm single storey building that will be used as a puppy training facility (2). The refurbishment and internal rearrangements including fit out of existing buildings (3) and the refurbishment and upgrade of an existing bungalow to make it habitable (4). Phase 1 & 2 will be completed contiguously phase 3 and 4 will be subject to funding but the intent of DFG is that they follow on from the 1st two phases with the minimum of delay.

Please note the following general conditions:

- This EOI will help the Charity to refine its requirements.
- DfG reserve the right not to proceed with a direct award. Nothing shall constitute a commitment to ordering unless the Charity undertakes a direct award that results in the award of a Contract.
- Should a Contract be awarded following an evaluation of EOI and Written Proposal, the Potential Provider agrees to supply the Services in accordance with the Terms contained within the Statement of Requirements and Contract.
- Any and all costs associated with the production of such a response to an EOI must be borne by the Supplier. DfG will not contribute in any way to meeting production costs of any response.
- Information contained within this document is confidential and must not be revealed to any third party without prior written consent from the Charity.
- Buyers shall use the EOI responses to produce a Supplier shortlist.
- We expect that all responses to this EOI will be provided by Potential Providers in good faith to the best of their ability in the light of information available at the time of their response.
- No information provided by a Potential Provider in response to this EOI will be carried forward, used or acknowledged in any way for the purpose of evaluating the Potential Provider, in any subsequent formal procurement process.

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CURRENT SITUATION

Dogs for Good has undergone a thorough strategic review and launched a new plan this year with a view to significantly increasing the charity's impact by its 40th anniversary in 2028.

As part of this we are considering the use of the site at Banbury to ensure that it offers the best environment for our team of staff and volunteers and, importantly, our dogs to ensure their welfare and that we create the best possible environment for them to thrive in their development and training.

AIMS – WHAT DOES THE CHARITY WANT TO ACHIEVE?

The charity is looking for one or more Suppliers to deliver the following aims:

- Improvements for Puppies and Young Dogs
- Improvements for Dogs in Training
- Improvements to the Site for Staff and Volunteers

WHAT IS DOGS FOR GOOD LOOKING FOR?

Dogs for Good wish to employ a supplier that will create the buildings and infrastructure necessary to support the above aims while allowing the site to support and maintain its existing business outcomes. Dogs for Good require that the appearance of the new buildings and refurbishments is in keeping with the Brand Values of the Charity that deliver Value for Money and Best Practice to all its stakeholders. Potential suppliers are asked to give indicative budgets and programmes for all the phases of the works. While outline sketches and layouts will be made available to companies expressing an interest, the requirement is for design and build and they are reminded that this EOI process is not a request for quotation.

ATTACHMENTS

- Timetable for Tender Process
- Existing Site Plan
- Proposed Site Plan
- New Puppy Training Centre (Phases 1 & 2)
- Proposed Alterations to Dog Welfare & Office Building (Phase 3)
- Proposed Alterations to Administration Building (Phase 3)
- Proposed Change to Bungalow (Phase 4)
- Asbestos Survey

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TIMETABLE

Date	Activity
Monday 4 November 2024	Publication of the Expression of Interest
Monday 11 November 2024	Clarification period starts
Monday 18 November 2024	Clarification period closes after Site Meeting Session is concluded
Monday 25 November 2024	Deadline for the publication of responses to EOI Clarification questions
Thursday 5 December 2024	Deadline for submission of a EOI Response
Friday 6 December 2024	Analysis of EOI responses
Monday 9 December 2024	Contractors Site Visit
Friday 13 December 2024	Confirm next steps to EOI Respondents

QUESTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

- Potential Providers may raise questions or seek clarification regarding any aspect of this EOI document at any time prior to the Response Deadline. Questions must be submitted in writing by email to the following email address.
- To ensure that all Potential Providers have equal access to information regarding this Procurement, responses to questions raised by Potential Providers will be published in a questions and answers document, which will be available via email at the end of business 25th November 2024
- Responses to questions will not identify the originator of the question.
- If a Potential Provider wishes to ask a question or seek clarification without the question and answer being published in this way, then the Potential Provider must notify us and provide its justification for withholding the question and any response. If we do not consider that there is sufficient justification for withholding the question and the corresponding response, the Potential Provider will be invited to decide whether:
 - the question/clarification and the response should in fact be published; or
 - It wishes to withdraw the question/clarification.

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