News story: Cabinet Office issues an Invitation to Tender for a fraud prevention and detection managed service

This week the Cabinet Office issued the Invitation to Tender for the procurement of a service delivering all aspects of the National Fraud Initiative (NFI). The NFI is the Cabinet Office's electronic data matching exercise that compares data within and between public and private sector bodies to prevent and detect fraud. The NFI has been successful in helping the public sector identify and stop fraud in their systems.

In this past year the NFI has already helped identify £100.6 million in savings across England bringing the total across the UK since 1996 to £1.63 billion.

The contract will cover data matching and IT services for the period 2018 to 2022, with the potential to extend to 2024.

The successful supplier will need to provide a robust system that meets government security standards and that can reflect any future changes to data protection legislation, such as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Minister for the Constitution, Chris Skidmore, said:

The UK government is committed to finding fraud in public services, wherever it is and I am delighted that we are procuring such an essential service, which has found and prevented over £1.6 billion of fraud over the past 11 years.

We want the new supplier to be a real collaborative partner and together we will jointly drive innovation and continual development in what is a fast moving area.

We want to develop enhanced data matching/analytics techniques, build greater functionality for the NFI web application and access key data more frequently.

The tender is expected to be awarded in March 2018.

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