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Tender

ID 5166959 DfE - Invest NI - Provision of Advice and Guidance on NI's Dual Market Access Framework

Invest Northern Ireland

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-042b18

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Invest Northern Ireland

Bedford Square, Bedford Street

BELFAST

BT2 7ES

Email

StrategicDelivery.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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Reference number

5166959

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79300000 - Market and economic research; polling and statistics

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Client wishes to appoint a framework of Contractors to Provide advice, analysis and guidance to Invest NI (including its overseas offices), potential foreign direct investors, and DfE on the benefits (or otherwise) of Northern Ireland's Dual Market Access proposition brought about through the Northern Ireland Protocol and Windsor Framework. There are two separate Lots with a maximum of 3 Contractors to be appointed per Lot: 1. Advice, Analysis and Guidance on the Movement of Goods To and From Northern Ireland 2. Advice and Guidance on the Movement of People It is intended that the contracts will commence upon contract award (expected to be March 2024).

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots
2

II.2) Description**II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 Advice, Analysis and Guidance on the Movement of Goods To and From NI

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79311400 - Economic research services
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services
- 79411000 - General management consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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

Value excluding VAT: £150,000

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

Duration in months

12

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

There is one option to extend for any period up to, and including, twelve months.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 Advice and Guidance on the Movement of People

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79311400 - Economic research services
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services
- 79411000 - General management consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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

Value excluding VAT: £50,000

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

Duration in months

12

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

There is one option to extend for any period up to, and including, twelve months.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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: 6

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

5 February 2024

Local time

3:00pm

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

Tender must be valid until: 5 May 2024

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

5 February 2024

Local time

3:30pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

The figure indicated in Section II 1.5 represents an estimated contract value. This value reflects the potential scale of the contract,..... however, neither CPD nor the Authority can provide any guarantee as to the level of business under this contract. The Contracting..... Authority does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. Economic Operators remain responsible for all costs and expenses..... incurred by them or by any third party acting under instructions from the Economic Operator in connection with taking part in this..... procurement process regardless of whether such costs arise as a consequence, directly or indirectly of any amendments made to the..... procurement documents by the Contracting Authority at any time. No legally binding contract shall arise (and an Economic Operator..... shall. have no legitimate expectation that a contract will be entered into) until such time as entry into the Contract has been confirmed..... by the. Contracting Authority. Economic Operators should note that all dates, time periods and figures in relation to values and volumes..... specified. in this notice and the procurement documents are approximate only and the Contracting Authority reserves the right to.... change. any or. all of them. The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored. Contractors not.... delivering on. contract. requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor. fails... to reach. satisfactory. levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time,. they still... fail to reach. satisfactory. levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for. further action... If. this occurs. and their. performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be. regarded as an.. act of. grave. professional. misconduct and they may be issued with a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance and the. contract may be.. terminated.. The. issue of a. Notice of unsatisfactory Performance will result in the contractor being excluded from. all procurement.. competitions. being. undertaken. by Centres of Procurement Expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern. Ireland Procurement.. Policy for a. period of. twelve. months from the date of issue of the Notice..

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures.

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Contracting Authority will comply with the requirements of the Public.... Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and, where applicable, will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the... point information on the award of the contract is communicated to all Economic Operators..