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## **External Cold Reviews**

National Audit Office

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

National Audit Office

157-197 Buckingham Palace Road

Victoria

SW1W 9SP

#### **Contact**

Central Procurement Team

#### **Email**

[nao.procurement@nao.org.uk](mailto:nao.procurement@nao.org.uk)

#### **Telephone**

+44 2077987000

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKI - London

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.nao.org.uk>

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Other type

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Audit and Assurance Services

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

External Cold Reviews

Reference number

GEN\_22\_102

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

As part of its quality assurance arrangements the NAO commissions independent quality assurance reviews of the technical rigour, methodological robustness, quality of argumentation and presentation of evidence in its published non-financial audit and VFM reports. Examples of reports are available on our website [www.nao.org.uk](http://www.nao.org.uk). The NAO requires the following quality reviews to be carried out: •A total of 20 reviews per year of individual NAO products (number to be shared between the successful suppliers) The NAO intends to award two or three contracts for this quality assurance work, the exact allocation of which products to be reviewed will be at the discretion of the NAO.

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £600,000

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

### II.2) Description

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

Main site or place of performance

LONDON

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The NAO will be holding supplier days at 11:00am on 24/01/2023 and 25/01/2023. Please RSVP to [nao.procurement@nao.org.uk](mailto:nao.procurement@nao.org.uk) with email details of attendees. Please notify us if these dates are unsuitable and we will endeavour to make other arrangements. The procurement will be managed electronically via BIPs Delta e-Sourcing Suite. Please ensure you register at <https://www.delta-esourcing.com>.

#### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

9 February 2023

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Victoria:-Research-and-development-services-and-related-consultancy-services./2635VNZ9N9>

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