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Contract

## **Post Office Horizon Inquiry Expert Witness Services**

Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0377fd

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

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

Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

London

##### **Email**

[cara.jenkins@beis.gov.uk](mailto:cara.jenkins@beis.gov.uk)

##### **Country**

United Kingdom

##### **Region code**

UKI - London

##### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-business-energy-and-industrial-strategy>

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

#### **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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### **Section II: Object**

#### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

##### **II.1.1) Title**

Post Office Horizon Inquiry Expert Witness Services

##### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 71319000 - Expert witness services

##### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

##### **II.1.4) Short description**

Services to analyse c. 70,000 documents, identifying significant points relating to the Post Office Horizon Inquiry, and produce a written report which sets out the key points, and provide Expert Witness services during hearings.

##### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

##### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £750,000

#### **II.2) Description**

##### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

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

Services to analyse c. 70,000 documents, identifying significant points relating to the Post Office Horizon Inquiry, and produce a written report which sets out the key points, and provide Expert Witness services during hearings.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

previous contract with Alix Partners was awarded for the following reasons: An Expression of Interest process was undertaken through the Crown Commercial Service framework 'Management Consultancy Framework 3' (MCF3). 0 bidders responded positively, due to lack of capability, capacity, previous experience, or lack of conflict of interest. Due to the urgency of this requirement, and the lack of an available market, it was deemed appropriate to award directly to Alix Partners, who were identified through internal research.

Since the awarding of that contract, due to unforeseeable changes occurring in regards to the number of documents needing review, and the associated inability to change supplier due to the expert witness report already being in production, we have awarded a new contract to Alix Partners for this additional work.

#### 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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

12 December 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Alix Partners

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £750,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

London

Country

United Kingdom