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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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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

London

Email

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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

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

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

con_3174

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

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