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Tender

Supply of Audit and Assurance Services Y23030

Kent County Council (t/a KCS Procurement Services)

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0396d3

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.commercialservices.org.uk>

Buyer's address

<http://www.commercialservices.org.uk>

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://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=a1ee6b5f-a791-ed11-811c-005056b64545>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=a1ee6b5f-a791-ed11-811c-005056b64545>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Supply of Audit and Assurance Services Y23030

Reference number

DN650882

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79212000 - Auditing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Framework Agreement will cover the provision and ability to provide a range of Audit and Assurance Services and will be split into 3 LOTs. Tenderers are not required to submit responses for all LOTs, only those for which they can supply the Services.

LOT 1 – External Audit

Covering the provision of statutory external audits, accounting, and inspection and evaluation, as required. Services may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Statutory audit services
- Accounting, auditing and fiscal services
- Financial auditing services

LOT 2 – Internal Audit and Assurance

Covering all aspects of assurance and consultancy for the purpose of providing an assessment on risk management, governance and internal control processes. Services may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Internal audit

- Accounting and financial audit
- Computer audit
- Audit and governance services
- Consultancy and risk advisory services

LOT 3 – Counter Fraud and Investigation

Covering the provision of services relating to counter fraud work and reactive investigations including forensics. Services may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Advice on and assessment of fraud, bribery and corruption awareness/prevention
- Financial irregularity investigations and non-financial irregularity investigations
- Forensic and integrity services
- Expert witness services

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £100,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

External Audit

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79212100 - Financial auditing services
- 79212400 - Fraud audit services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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- Statutory audit services
- Accounting, auditing and fiscal services
- Financial auditing services

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: £30,000,000

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

Duration in months

48

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: 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

II.2.14) Additional information

To gain access and complete the necessary documents please follow the instruction below

Visit - WWW.Kentbusinessportal.org.uk

Select - Opportunities

Select Organisation - Commercial Services

Select the opportunity appropriate to you from the list provided

Express interest - you may need to register first

Once successful expression is completed you can access and complete the requirements in two ways

1 - when you register you will receive a successful registration email, this also contains a link taking you direct to the opportunity

2 - when you log in to proactis go to my activities, select commercial services and you will be presented with the opportunity.

Following the instruction from herein

For further information please email csgprocurement@cs ltd.org.uk

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Internal Audit and Assurance

Lot No

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72810000 - Computer audit services
- 79212200 - Internal audit services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.1) Title

Counter Fraud and Investigation

Lot No

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II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79212100 - Financial auditing services
- 79212400 - Fraud audit services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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- Financial irregularity investigations and non-financial irregularity investigations
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- Expert witness services

II.2.5) Award criteria

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II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £40,000,000

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Duration in months

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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

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

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

6 March 2023

Local time

2:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

6 March 2023

Local time

2:15pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

All public bodies will have access to this Framework Agreement but may only do so with the agreement of the Contracting Authority. Those organisations who may wish to access this Framework Agreement will be members, local government authorities, the police service, the fire service, the NHS and NHS trusts, housing associations, third sector organisations, academic centres (including Academies), free schools, publicly funded organisations and publicly owned private companies, operating within the geographic boundaries of the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Northern Ireland and Isle of Man.

Full details of the classification of potential Customer's geographical areas and organisation classifications are detailed as follows:

LOCAL AUTHORITY COUNCILS:

England:

County, Unitary, District, Borough, and Metropolitan Councils. (Parish and Community Councils are also permissible users). See link:

A-Z of councils online | Local Government Association

<https://www.local.gov.uk/topics>

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DI1/Directories/Localcouncils/index.htm>

Northern Ireland: Administered across 26 Districts of Northern Ireland. See link:

<http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/local-councils-in-northern-ireland>

Scotland: Administered across 32 Council areas. See link:

Councils | COSLA

Wales: Administered across 22 Council areas. See link:

Find your local authority | GOV. WALES

Isle of Man: Administered across 22 local authorities, consisting of 4 town authorities, 2 district authorities, 2 village authorities, and 14 parish authorities.

<https://www.gov.im/categories/home-and-neighbourhood/local-authorities/local-authority-contacts/>

Channel Islands:

<https://www.gov.je/Government/Departments/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://www.gov.gg/article/152949/Government-Departments>

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

POLICE:

National

<https://www.btp.police.uk/>

<http://www.mod.police.uk>

<http://www.npas.police.uk/>

England

Home | [Police.uk](#) (www.police.uk)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/civil-nuclear-constabulary>

Northern Ireland

<https://www.police.uk/northern-ireland/>

Scotland

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/civil-nuclear-constabulary>

Wales

<https://www.dyfed-powys.police.uk/>

Home | Gwent Police

Home | North Wales Police

<https://www.police.uk/south-wales/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/civil-nuclear-constabulary>

Isle of Man

<https://www.iompolice.im/>

Channel Islands

<https://jersey.police.uk/>

<http://www.guernsey.police.uk/>

FIRE and RESCUE

UK – England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales, IOM

<http://www.fireservice.co.uk/information/ukfrs/>

<https://www.ukfirestations.co.uk/brigades>

Channel Islands

<https://www.gov.je/Government/Departments/HomeAffairs/Pages/default.aspx>

MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY

UK – England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales, IOM

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/maritime-and-coastguard-agency/about/access-and-opening>

Isle of Man

<https://www.gov.im/coastguard>

Channel Islands

<http://www.ports.je/JerseyCoastguard/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://www.rnli.org.gg/guernseys-lifeboat/>

NHS/HEALTH BODIES AND AMBULANCE SERVICES:

England

<https://www.nhs.uk/servicedirectories/pages/nhstrustlisting.aspx>

East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust

<http://www.emas.nhs.uk>

East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust

<http://www.eastamb.nhs.uk>

London Ambulance Service NHS Trust

<http://www.londonambulance.nhs.uk>

North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

<http://www.neas.nhs.uk>

North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust

<http://www.nwas.nhs.uk>

South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

<http://www.southcentralambulance.nhs.uk>

South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

<http://www.secamb.nhs.uk>

South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

<https://www.swast.nhs.uk/welcome>

West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust

<http://www.wmas.nhs.uk>

Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust

<http://www.yas.nhs.uk>

Northern Island

<http://www.hscni.net/index.php?link=trusts>

<http://www.niamb.co.uk/>

Scotland

<https://www.scot.nhs.uk/organisations/>

<http://www.scottishambulance.com/WhatWeDo/Default.aspx>

Wales

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/nhswalesaboutus/structure>

<https://www.ambulance.wales.nhs.uk/>

Isle of Man

<https://www.gov.im/about-the-government/departments/health-and-social-care/>

<https://www.gov.im/categories/health-and-wellbeing/isle-of-man-ambulance-service/>

Channel Islands

<https://www.gov.je/Government/Departments/HealthSocialServices/Pages/index.aspx>

<https://www.gov.gg/article/119652/Health-Social-Care--Wellbeing>

<https://www.gov.je/pages/contacts.aspx?contactid=87>

St John Ambulance Cymru - Wales' leading first aid charity (sjacymru.org.uk)

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THEIR AGENCIES:

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DI1/Directories/A-ZOfCentralGovernment/index.htm>

REGISTERED SOCIAL LANDLORDS:

Government-funded, not-for-profit organisations that provide affordable housing. They include housing associations, trusts and cooperatives.

England

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/current-registered-providers-of-social-housing>

Scotland

<https://directory.scottishhousingregulator.gov.uk/Pages/Datasets-and-Reports.aspx>

Northern Ireland

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/housing-associations>

Wales

<https://gov.wales/>

Isle of Man

<https://www.gov.im/categories/home-and-neighbourhood/affordable-housing/public-sector-housing/housing-authority-contacts/>

Channel Islands

<https://www.gov.je/Home/RentingBuying/OtherRentalOptions/Pages/OtherHousing.aspx>

<http://www.gha.gg/>

EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS:

Nursery, primary, middle or high schools, secondary schools, Academies, free schools, special schools, Pupil Referral Units (PRU), further education colleges, universities.

UK – England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales

<http://www.schoolswebdirectory.co.uk/index.php>

<https://get-information-schools.service.gov.uk/>

<https://www.hefcw.ac.uk/>

<https://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk>

Isle of Man

<https://www.gov.im/categories/education-training-and-careers/schools-and-colleges/>

Channel Islands

<https://www.gov.je/Education/Schools/FindingSchool/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://www.gov.gg/article/163185/Education-Working--Retiring>

CHARITIES

England and Wales

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission>

Scotland

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/>

Northern Ireland

<https://www.charitycommissionni.org.uk/charity-search/>

Isle of Man

Isle of Man Government - Charities

Channel Islands

<http://www.jerseycharities.org/members>

<http://www.charity.org.gg/Find>

Suppliers are advised that the Contracting Authority and its Customers reserve the right to supply the tendered products, services, and commodities to companies that have a majority public sector ownership by any of the public sector bodies referred to above during the Framework Agreement period as stated in this document, for the purpose of selling to other public, private and third sector organisations.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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