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Commercial Assurance Contract Audit

YORKSHIRE WATER SERVICES LIMITED

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

<https://www.yorkshirewater.com/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://service.ariba.com>

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

I.6) Main activity

Water

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Commercial Assurance Contract Audit

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79212000 - Auditing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Procurement Scope:

This notice seeks expressions of interest for establishing a framework agreement to cover Yorkshire Water's (YWS) requirements of third-party consultancy services to provide forensic auditing of commercial contracts.

This framework aims to provide forensic auditing of commercial contracts to identify financial inefficiencies and unlock opportunities for significant financial gains. The risk-based audits focus on ensuring contract compliance and cost assurance, identifying cost recoveries, and recommending contract improvements.

The framework will have an initial term of three years, with the option to extend for up to two additional years, followed by an optional one-year extension (3 + 2 + 1).

Procurement Process:

Expression of Interest (EOI)

Interested parties must submit a notification of their intent to participate via e-mail to Maria Fe Arimana at maria.fe-arimana@yorkshirewater.co.uk

Selection Questionnaire (SQ)

YWS will issue a pre-qualification Selection Questionnaire via SAP Ariba to assess suppliers against key technical, financial, and compliance criteria. Suppliers must be registered on SAP Ariba to respond. Suppliers that fail to meet the minimum criteria can be excluded from the tender process.

Invitation to Tender (ITT)

Qualified bidders will proceed to the ITT stage, where commercial and technical submissions will be evaluated based on predefined criteria. This stage also includes contractual compliance.

Evaluation and Award

Successful suppliers will be awarded a place in the framework based on the most economically advantageous tender (MEAT), balancing cost, quality, and compliance.

Additional Notes:

Any estimated values or volumes provided are indicative only. Yorkshire Water reserves the right to adjust its requirements during the framework's duration.

YWS reserves the right to cancel or amend this procurement process at its discretion without liability.

Securing a place on the framework does not guarantee work.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £2,400,000

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

CAPEX (capital, excluding Alliance Contracts)

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79212000 - Auditing services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To review contract and cost compliance for Capital contracts (typically NEC), identify value leakage, cost overruns, overpayments, and strengthen contracts for better cost control in non-alliance projects.

This lot has a total estimated value (excluding VAT) of £900k, £150k annually.

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: £900,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The framework will have an initial term of three years, with the option to extend for up to two additional years, followed by an optional one-year extension (3 + 2 + 1).

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

This proposed lot structure is indicative and may be refined during the Invitation to Tender (ITT) stage based on market feedback and Yorkshire Water's requirements.

Final lot arrangements will be confirmed in the tender documentation issued to qualified suppliers after the Selection Questionnaire (SQ) stage.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Alliance Contracts

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79212000 - Auditing services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To review contract and cost compliance, identify value leakage, cost overruns, and support the year end close out and annual financial reconciliation process.

This lot has a total estimated value (excluding VAT) of £600k, £100k annually.

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: £600,000

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

Duration in months

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

OPEX

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79212000 - Auditing services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To review contract and cost compliance for operational spending, identifying value leakage, inefficiencies, overpayments, and recommending process improvements to enhance value recovery.

This lot has a total estimated value (excluding VAT) of £900k, £150k annually.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £900,000

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Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

Please reach out to Maria Fe Arimana maria.fe-arimana@yorkshirewater.co.uk to express interest and you will be added to the Ariba event where you will be able to access all relevant tender documentation.

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

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

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

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

20 February 2025

Local time

5:00pm

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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