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## **Provision of Sign Language Interpretation Services**

NI Assembly

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04d62c

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

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

NI Assembly

Parliament Buildings

Belfast

BT4 3XX

#### **Contact**

[procurementniassembly.gov.uk](mailto:procurementniassembly.gov.uk)

#### **Email**

[procurement@niassembly.gov.uk](mailto:procurement@niassembly.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Legislature

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Provision of Sign Language Interpretation Services

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

- 79530000 - Translation services

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

Services

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

The Northern Ireland Assembly Commission is seeking to procure British Sign Language (BSL) and Irish Sign Language (ISL) translation and interpretation services in order to deliver its duties and provide an effective service to Members and the public. It is seeking to appoint a supplier of sign language interpretation services, in BSL/ISL, to support the Assembly's legislative, scrutiny and representational roles. This will facilitate understanding by a more diverse range of citizens of the policy, legislative and scrutiny work of the Assembly and its Committees, creating opportunities for broader engagement in the democratic process and leading to more informed and comprehensive decision making by the Assembly. These services may be required to be delivered in-person, in a live-broadcast environment and at times requests may be made for remote delivery, or provision in a recorded for broadcast video format.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £178,100

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79540000 - Interpretation services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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

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#### **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: £178,100

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

prior to expiry this contract may be renewed or re tendered

#### **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

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **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

25 February 2025

Local time

3:00pm

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

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Tender must be valid until: 26 May 2025

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

25 February 2025

Local time

3:30pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

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

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

Northern Ireland Assembly

Parliament Buildings

Belfast

BT4 3XX

Country

United Kingdom