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## External Audit Services

Southern Housing

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## Scope

## Reference

SH2025043

## Description

Southern Housing are seeking to procure External Audit Services to undertake an independent audit of Southern Housing and its related subsidiaries to be carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)).

Southern Housing published a Preliminary Market Engagement notice related to this procurement (Ref 2025/S 000-075860 on 20 November 2025 and have undertaken Preliminary Market Engagement which has included:

- a) submission of questionnaire responses
- b) use of the questionnaire responses to understand the market, capability and inform the procurement strategy

Please note the estimated contract value stated excludes inflation.

The contract will be for a maximum term of 5 years and will be subject to the annual re-appointment of the external auditors by the Southern Housing Board.

The Client is targeting the following strategic objectives and added value benefits:

- a. Deliver work requirements in line with the scope and specified instructions
- b. Deliver works within the required timelines
- c. Proactive communication – working in partnership
- d. Act as a professional and informed sounding board
- e. Provide proactive support to the Audit & Risk Committee
- f. Being kept informed of forthcoming / potential changes in financial reporting requirements
- g. Ideas for how the external audit process could be delivered more efficiently by SH / audit firm each year.

The Client reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to update, modify or replace its strategic objectives or policies after the date of this

Invitation to Tender by notification to the Bidders in writing.

In accordance with section 52 of the Procurement Act 2023, wherever the Client enters into a public contract with an estimated value of

more than £5 million, the Client must set and publish at least three key performance indicators in respect of the Contract.

In light of the estimated value of the Contract, the Client has set the following indicative key performance indicators for the purposes of

this procurement:

KPI 1 – Audits completed within agreed timelines

KPI 2 – Number of audit findings requiring rework/clarification or that are inaccurate/incomplete

KPI 3 – Average number of days between audit completion and report submission

#### KPI 4 - Average response time on technical accounting queries

The Client will enter into Contract with the with the successful Supplier which shall be based on the Client's Standard form of Services Contract

(including a Schedule of Amendments).

#### **Total value (estimated)**

- £5,000,000 excluding VAT
- £6,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

#### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 October 2026 to 30 September 2031
- 5 years

#### **Options**

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Adhoc related services within the scope of the contract, arising from day to day financial services requirements may be instructed.

#### **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 79212100 - Financial auditing services
- 79212300 - Statutory audit services
- 79212000 - Auditing services

## **Contract locations**

- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)

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## **Participation**

### **Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation**

Legal and financial conditions of participation are as set out in the Volume 6 Conditions of Participation Questionnaire

### **Technical ability conditions of participation**

Technical conditions of participation are as set out in the Volume 6 Conditions of Participation Questionnaire

### **Particular suitability**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

16 February 2026, 5:00pm

### **Tender submission deadline**

23 February 2026, 5:00pm

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

Tender documents can be accessed at <https://Www.MyTenders.co.uk> Please follow the instructions set out in the Invitation to Tender

### **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

### **Languages that may be used for submission**

English

### **Award decision date (estimated)**

2 April 2026

## Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 11 January 2030

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## Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality	As set out in the Invitation to Tender	Quality	70.00%
Price	As set out in the Invitation to Tender	Price	30.00%

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## Other information

### Payment terms

As set out within the Invitation to Tender documentation

### Description of risks to contract performance

- a) Skilled resource availability
- b) Labour cost volatility
- c) Change of law/legislation
- d) Change of regulation and accounting standards
- e) Supplier failure

## **Applicable trade agreements**

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

## **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Open procedure

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## **Documents**

### **Associated tender documents**

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Authority/NoticeBuilder/NoticeBuilder\\_FileDownload.aspx?id=628814](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Authority/NoticeBuilder/NoticeBuilder_FileDownload.aspx?id=628814)

Appendix 1 - External Audit Services - Tender Certificate and Appendices

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Authority/NoticeBuilder/NoticeBuilder\\_FileDownload.aspx?id=628815](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Authority/NoticeBuilder/NoticeBuilder_FileDownload.aspx?id=628815)

Volume 2 - External Audit Services - Contract for Services v1

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Authority/NoticeBuilder/NoticeBuilder\\_FileDownload.aspx?id=628816](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Authority/NoticeBuilder/NoticeBuilder_FileDownload.aspx?id=628816)

Volume 3- External Audit Services - Specification

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Volume 1 - External Audit Services Price Framework

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Volume 4 - External Audit Services - KPI Framework

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Volume 5 - External Audit Services - Quality Submission Response Document

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Southern Housing**

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government