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Contract

## **External Audit Services Tender**

BELFAST HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

F06: Contract award notice – utilities

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### **Section I: Contracting entity**

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

BELFAST HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

Harbour Office, Corporation Square

BELFAST

BT13AL

#### **Email**

[tendersfc@belfast-harbour.co.uk](mailto:tendersfc@belfast-harbour.co.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKN06 - Belfast

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.belfast-harbour.co.uk>

## **I.6) Main activity**

Port-related activities

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

External Audit Services Tender

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

- 79210000 - Accounting and auditing services

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

Services

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

Following conclusion of the tender process, Belfast Harbour Commissioners (BHC) has now entered into a contract with the successful bidder for the provision of external audit and related services. The contract entered into by BHC has an initial 3 year period. Following that 3 year period, BHC has the option, acting at its discretion, to extend the contract on 7 (seven) subsequent occasions of 12 (twelve) months each time, up to a maximum total period of 10 (ten) years.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Harbour Office, Corporation Square, Belfast

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

BHC has a requirement for the provision of external audit and related services. The services required comprise:

- The statutory audit of the group financial statements of BHC .
- The statutory audit of the financial statements of City Quays Hotel Ltd (100% owned by BHC) .
- Attendance at any Audit and Risk committee meetings (normally three per annum) and ad hoc meetings as required.
- The submission of an audit planning report to the Audit and Risk Committee in advance of each accounting year end. The accounting year end is the 31 December of each year (the "Accounting Year End").
- The submission of a report on the audit to the Audit and Risk Committee in line with the required timescales; usually within three months after the Accounting Year End.
- Liaison and coordination with tax advisors and internal auditors as required and to ensure a full exchange of information.
- Agreed Upon Procedures in relation to the provision of film studio income certificate

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

#### **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**

### **Title**

External Audit Services Tender

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

17 January 2022

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3JF

Email

[office@courtsni.gov.uk](mailto:office@courtsni.gov.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

BHC incorporated a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of contract was communicated to all bidders. The standstill period provided time for unsuccessful bidders to challenge the award decision before the contract was entered into. The Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 (as amended) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (Northern Ireland).