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## **DPS for audit services for opted-in eligible bodies in England**

Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-London:-Accounting%2C-auditing-and-fiscal-services./UVC29QV984>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Economic and financial affairs

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

DPS for audit services for opted-in eligible bodies in England

Reference number

631349170

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

- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services

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

Services

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

The procurement will establish a dynamic purchasing system to appoint auditors to cover the audits of the accounts (as per the Code of Audit Practice) of eligible bodies across England that opt in for the purposes of the appointment of auditors under the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the requirements of the Local Audit (Appointing Person) Regulations 2015. Eligible entities include local councils, combined authorities, police and crime commissioners, police, fire and crime commissioners, chief constables, fire and rescue authorities, waste authorities, passenger transport executives and national park authorities.

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

Value excluding VAT: £80,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 79210000 - Accounting and auditing services
- 79212000 - Auditing services
- 79212100 - Financial auditing services
- 79212300 - Statutory audit services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UNITED KINGDOM

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

PSAA is establishing a dynamic purchasing system from which to appoint auditors to audit the accounts (as per the Code of Audit Practice) of one or more eligible bodies that opt in to the appointing person scheme. Eligible bodies include local councils, combined authorities, police and crime commissioners, police, fire and crime commissioners, chief constables, fire and rescue authorities, waste authorities, passenger transport executives and national park authorities. Individual call-off competitions undertaken may be for either: one or more named audits, or for a volume of work where the eligible bodies are not named. The scope of each call-off competition will be described in its ITT documentation.

It is anticipated that the DPS may be used to procure an auditor appointment to an eligible body:

- when a new body requests to join the scheme, for example in the event of local government reorganisation, or if an existing body requests to join the scheme after the main procurement process is complete;
- where an existing auditor appointment from 2018/19 or 2023/24 needs to be replaced for reasons such as the identification of an independence conflict, the breakdown of auditor-audited body relationship, or as a result of a supplier's poor performance in line with agreed contract terms; and
- where one or more of the 2017 audit contracts is extended so we need to make auditor appointments from 2025/26.

#### **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: £80,000,000

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

Duration in months

98

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number: 9

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Under Section 7 of Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 relevant authorities must appoint a "local auditor" to audit their accounts. Only providers that are already registered as local auditors on the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales ("ICAEW") list or that are currently proceeding through the registration process are eligible to participate in this procurement process. Where a submission is being made by a consortium or other form of joint working arrangement at least one constituent firm must be registered with the ICAEW or going through the registration process. Where a Potential Supplier is a sole supplier in the process of seeking accreditation at the time of applying to join the DPS, they must have achieved accreditation prior to submitting a response to a tender (call-off competition). A Potential Supplier considering the submission of an application for registration is strongly encouraged to have an early discussion with the Recognised Supervisory Body.

### **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**

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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

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.1) Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision

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#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

A provider may be required to actively participate in the achievement of social and/or environmental policy objectives.

#### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Restricted procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the setting up of a dynamic purchasing system

#### **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

18 March 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The dynamic purchasing system will run for up to 8 years, expected to commence in May 2022.

Potential bidders should seek independent legal and commercial advice in relation to the potential value of the opportunity as a whole.

PSAA reserves the right to disqualify potential bidders where there is an actual or potential conflict of interest. Potential bidders will be required to complete and return the Conflict of Interest Declaration as part of its selection questionnaire response.

Expressions of interest in response to this contract notice may be submitted by a single bidder, a consortium or other form of joint working arrangement providing at least one constituent firm is individually registered with the ICAEW or going through the registration process. Where a Potential Supplier is a sole supplier in the process of seeking accreditation at the time of applying to join the DPS, they must have achieved accreditation prior to submitting a response to a tender (call-off competition). A Potential Supplier considering the submission of an application for registration is strongly encouraged to have an early discussion with the Recognised Supervisory Body.

PSAA cannot guarantee to award any business through this DPS. PSAA expressly reserves the right (i) not to award any DPS agreement as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; and (ii) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition; and in no circumstances will PSAA be liable for any costs incurred by the suppliers.

PSAA will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the dynamic purchasing system is communicated to potential bidders prior to entering into the dynamic purchasing system, and in the event of an award of an above-threshold call-off contract.

Please contact PSAA if you experience problems with the portal.

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

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

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

Royal Courts of Justice

Strand

London

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United Kingdom