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## **External Quality Reviews**

National Audit Office (NAO)

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-039594

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

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

National Audit Office (NAO)

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Victoria

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Central Procurement Team

#### **Email**

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#### **Telephone**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKI - London

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.nao.org.uk>

**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-Victoria:-Research-and-development-services-and-related-consultancy-services./4KUXAM578J>

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**

Other type

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Audit and Assurance Services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

External Quality Reviews

Reference number

GEN\_22\_102

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

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

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

Services

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

As part of its quality assurance arrangements the NAO commissions independent quality assurance reviews of the technical rigour, methodological robustness, quality of argumentation and presentation of evidence in its published non-financial audit and VFM reports. Examples of reports are available on our website [www.nao.org.uk](http://www.nao.org.uk). The NAO requires the following quality reviews to be carried out: A total of 20 reviews per year of individual NAO products (number to be shared between the successful suppliers) and a summary organisational review annually. The NAO intends to award two or three contracts for this quality assurance work, the exact allocation of which products to be reviewed will be at the discretion of the NAO.

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

Value excluding VAT: £600,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

Main site or place of performance

LONDON

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

As part of its quality assurance arrangements the NAO commissions independent quality assurance reviews of the technical rigour, methodological robustness, quality of argumentation and presentation of evidence in its VFM reports and other publications. Examples of reports are available on our website [www.nao.org.uk](http://www.nao.org.uk). The range and variety of types of our outputs is continually evolving. The NAO continues to develop the range of products that it produces in order meet the needs of Parliament, and to make best use of its knowledge. Over the period of the contract, further changes to the style, content and structure of reports may be made and service providers will need to engage with the NAO in order to respond to changes to criteria. The NAO requires the following quality reviews to be carried out: • a total of 20 reviews per year of individual NAO products (number to be shared between the successful suppliers). Reviews of individual NAO products - these reviews generate a written report, commenting against an agreed set of criteria, within four weeks from receipt by you of an electronic version of the NAO draft report. The NAO intends to award two or three contracts for this quality assurance work, the exact allocation of which products to be reviewed will be at the discretion of the NAO. Each contract will consist of product reviews of 6-10 (depending on number of successful suppliers, minimum of 2, maximum of 3 suppliers) published non financial audit products per year, plus or minus 1, within four weeks of receiving each one, using an agreed set of evaluative criteria. In addition each contractor will be expected to complete an overall organisational review every year based on what they have learnt and seen in the NAO's work. The Contractor will be required to conduct reviews of individual NAO products working to an agreed set of evaluative criteria and to discuss conclusions of the reviews with NAO study teams and senior staff as required.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

72

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This is an ongoing requirement for the NAO and we will consider our procurement options for retendering or extending the contract in advance of the expiry of the initial contract period ( 3 years).

**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 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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-000404](#)

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

Date

16 March 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

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

Date

16 March 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: 2028

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

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

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

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To respond to this opportunity, please click here:

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

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

National Audit Office

London

Country

United Kingdom