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Contract

## **ESPH TW Housing Subsidy Audit Service (ESPH503 JB)**

Wealden District Council  
Rother District Council

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-005050

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02feb0

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

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

Wealden District Council

Council Offices, Vicarage Lane

Hailsham

BN27 2AX

#### **Email**

[esph@wealden.gov.uk](mailto:esph@wealden.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKJ22 - East Sussex CC

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

Main address

<https://www.wealden.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.sesharedservices.org.uk/esourcing>

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

Rother District Council

Town Hall, London Road

Bexhill-On-Sea

TN39 3JX

### **Email**

[esph@wealden.gov.uk](mailto:esph@wealden.gov.uk)

### **Country**

United Kingdom

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

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<https://www.rother.gov.uk/>

## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

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

Regional or local authority

## **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

ESPH TW Housing Subsidy Audit Service (ESPH503 JB)

Reference number

WDC - 033829

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

- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services

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

Services

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

Wealden District Council (lead), Rother District Council, Hastings Borough Council and Mid Sussex District Council are seeking the services of a consultant to carry out a review of high value Subsidy Loss areas, followed by subsequent initial testing of its Housing Benefit Subsidy claim.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £480,000

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

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

- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services

- 79212000 - Auditing services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ22 - East Sussex CC

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

Full information can be found at <http://www.sesharedservices.org.uk/esourcing>

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Criteria / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

### **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: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Notice number: [2021/S 000-030521](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

ESPH503

### **Title**

Housing Subsidy Audit Service

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

4 February 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Branch and Lee Consulting Ltd

21 Station Road, Menston

Leeds

LS29 6JH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ22 - East Sussex CC

National registration number

05354387

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £480,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court of England and Wales

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

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

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Wealden District Council will observe a standstill period following the award of the contract and conduct itself in respect of any appeals in accordance with the public contracts regulations 2015 (as amended).