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Planning

Horsham District Council - External Audit Services

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Reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Horsham District Council

Parkside, Chart Way

Horsham

RH12 1RL

Contact

Procurement Team

Email

procurement@horsham.gov.uk

Telephone

+44 1403215299

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKJ28 - West Sussex (North East)

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.horsham.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

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

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Horsham District Council - External Audit Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79212000 - Auditing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Horsham District Council gives notice that in Spring 2022, it will be seeking an auditor for the audit of five financial years from 1 April 2023. These are the audits of the 2023/24 to 2027/28 accounts. Only registered firms, with accredited Key Audit Partners that must oversee the work, can be appointed from the list of external audit suppliers to the local government audit. The scope of the local authority audit is fixed. It is determined by the Code of Audit Practice (currently published by the National Audit Office), the format of the financial statements are specified by CIPFA / LASAAC, and the application of auditing standards are currently regulated by the Financial Reporting Council.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £300,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79212100 - Financial auditing services
- 79212000 - Auditing services

- 79212300 - Statutory audit services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ28 - West Sussex (North East)

Main site or place of performance

Horsham District, West Sussex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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: £300,000

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

system

Duration in months

60

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.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

28 February 2022

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

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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.2.3) 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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

The Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Horsham District Council

Parkside, Chart Way

Horsham

RH12 1RL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Royal Courts of Justice

The Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom