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## **PRO004569 - Services - Framework - Assurance Services**

United Utilities Water Limited

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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

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

United Utilities Water Limited

Lingley Mere Business Park

Warrington

WA5 3LP

#### **Contact**

Grace Power

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#### **Telephone**

+44 1925678021

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**National registration number**

02366678

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.unitedutilities.com>

Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/43984>

**I.3) Communication**

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

[https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance\\_s.asp?PID=43517&B=UNITEDUTILITIES](https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=43517&B=UNITEDUTILITIES)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance\\_s.asp?PID=43517&B=UNITEDUTILITIES](https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=43517&B=UNITEDUTILITIES)

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**I.6) Main activity**

Water

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

PRO004569 - Services - Framework - Assurance Services

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

- 72225000 - System quality assurance assessment and review services

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

Services

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

United Utilities Water (Uuw) seek to secure suppliers to provide assurance services. The nature of the assurance activity will vary depending on the nature and impact of the elements of the programmes, projects and submissions that are being assured.

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

Value excluding VAT: £6,500,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 3

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 - Assurance Aggregation

Lot No

1

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

- 66171000 - Financial consultancy services
- 79221000 - Tax consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The scope includes, but is not limited to:

- Development of an assurance plan/roadmap aligned to the UUW Assurance Framework, reviewing the adequacy of the planned scope of work and deliverables, together with the plan to deliver these activities
- Review of the programme/project management including governance and control
- Review of the application of the UUW Assurance Framework and associated risk based assessment
- Assuring any processes used are developed in a way which will provide reliable, accurate and complete data
- Where applicable a review of the requirement traceability matrix and alignment with regulatory requirements
- Provide the holistic view of UUW internal assurance and specialist third party assurance activity to ensure comprehensive coverage against the requirements and risk based assessment.
- Accurately assessing any risk exposure within the relevant submission
- Undertaking a robust process to ensure that the resultant outputs will be deliverable to the specified time and cost constraints
- Development of a consolidated assurance review and associated findings for UUW
- Confirming that the submission has been developed in a way which will provide reliable, accurate and complete data
- Confirming that the submission is good enough to be assessed as being high quality against relevant requirements with risks identified and described appropriately

- Confirming that the planned submissions and supporting documentation will be able to be delivered to the quality and time assumptions
- Providing sufficient evidential support for any UUW Board assurance statement (this could include evidential proof points, reports or attendance at board meetings)
- UUW may need to share the findings of the assurance findings/reports with its regulators, the Supplier will need to support this requirement
- Delivery of agreed outcomes as per assignment (assurance findings and recommendations)
- Where required, creation of programme/submissions lessons learned for UUW

#### **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: £3,500,000

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

Duration in months

96

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 year framework agreement with the option to extend by 6 years in 12 month increments

### **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2 - Specialist Assurance

Lot No

2

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

- 66171000 - Financial consultancy services
- 79221000 - Tax consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The scope includes, but is not limited to:

- Specialist, technical or expert assurance, deep dive assessments on topics to be specified by the Company
- Accurately assessing any risk exposure within the relevant submission
- Undertaking a robust process to ensure that the resultant outputs will be deliverable to the specified time and cost constraints
- Confirming that the deliverable has been developed in a way which will provide reliable, accurate and complete data
- Where required, creation of programme/submissions lessons learned for UUW
- Delivery of agreed outcomes as per assignment (Assurance, findings and recommendations)

### **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: £2,000,000

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

Duration in months

96

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 year framework agreement with the option to extend by 6 years in 12 month increments

### **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 3 - Cost and Financial Information Assurance

Lot No

3

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

- 66171000 - Financial consultancy services
- 79221000 - Tax consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The scope includes, but is not limited to:

- Specialist cost and financial and information assurance, deep dive assessments on topics to be specified by the Company
- Determine the adequacy and effectiveness of the cost estimation process implemented by UU and undertaken by third parties
- Delivery of agreed outcomes as per assignment (Assurance, findings and recommendations).
- Managing and influencing Key Stakeholders.

### **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: £1,000,000

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

Duration in months

96

This contract is subject to renewal

No



### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 year framework agreement with the option to extend by 6 years in 12 month increments

### **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 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

Please refer to procurement documents

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria

Please refer to procurement documents

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Please refer to procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria

Please refer to procurement documents

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Please refer to procurement documents

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 6

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

Date

31 March 2022

Local time

3:00pm

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

English

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

Date

31 March 2022

Local time

3:00pm

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

**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**

High Court of England & Wales

City of Westminster

London

Country

United Kingdom

##### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

United Utilities

Warrington

Country

United Kingdom

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

United Utilities

Warrington

Country

United Kingdom