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ID 5584876 - TEO - Contingency Campaign Advertising Contract

The Executive Office

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

The Executive Office

Stormont Castle, Stormont Estate

BELFAST

BT4 3TT

Email

ssdadmin.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79341000 - Advertising services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

TEO - Contingency Campaign Advertising Contract The Executive Information Service, hereby referred to as 'the Buyer' wishes to appoint a full-service advertising agency to develop and deliver mass media advertising campaigns and related services in the event of a significant emergency that threatens to have a wide reaching and/or prolonged impact on the citizens of Northern Ireland. The Contractor will be required to provide a comprehensive suite of services including creative development and strategy, advertising (traditional and digital), creative design and content creation, copywriting, campaign management and evaluation to ensure value for money and impact amongst its target audiences. The detail of any campaign will depend on the circumstances however the overarching objectives of any public information advertising campaign will be:

- To increase public awareness of the emergency/issue and to provide them with the information they need to stay safe
- To communicate NI Executive's decisions in relation to the emergency/issue.
- To minimise misunderstanding, rumours and misinformation.
- To ensure that messages are disseminated in a timely, targeted and consistent manner.
- To target specific audiences and stakeholders with key information.
- To encourage the public/stakeholders to take any necessary actions. Note, these are typical of the type of services which will be required for work commissioned under this Contract. The Buyer has endeavoured to be as accurate as possible, however the actual requirement for work to be carried out will be further defined during the lifetime of the Contract.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79340000 - Advertising and marketing services
- 79341400 - Advertising campaign services
- 79341200 - Advertising management services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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: £3,000,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Contract will be for an initial period of three years followed by two optional extension periods of one year each.

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

As the implementation of this Contract will be driven by factors outside the control of The Executive Office, no guarantees can be given about the volume or value of the Contract used in any given year or during the Contract lifetime... In the event of a significant emergency, and where the contract is activated the value of this contract is up to £3,000,000. As the value of this contract is difficult to define, there may be a requirement to increase the contract value providing any requirement falls within the scale and scope of this contract. However, if the contract is not activated then the annual spend will be £1,000.

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

Candidates will be assessed in accordance with Regulation 58 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 as set out in the Information Memorandum. A selection process will also be used to identify economic operators, who having submitted a response to the Selection Questionnaire, sufficiently demonstrate to the Department's satisfaction the appropriate technical and professional ability, economic, financial and legal standing to meet the requirements of the contract.

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

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

Date

16 April 2025

Local time

3:00pm

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

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Tender must be valid until: 15 July 2025

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

16 April 2025

Local time

3:30pm

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Only CPD Procurement Staff with access to the project on eTendersNI.

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored in line with the tender documentation. Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave professional misconduct and they may be issued with a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance and the contract may be terminated. The issue of a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance can result in the Contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions being undertaken by Centres of Procurement Expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement Policy for a period of three years from the date of issue... . The Authority expressly reserves the rights: . . (I). not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; . (II). to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering Competition; . (III). to award (a) contract(s) in respect of any part(s) of the [services] covered by this notice; and. (IV). to award contract(s) in stages... . and in no circumstances will the Authority be liable for any costs incurred by candidates..

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended.

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and, where appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. This provides time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.