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## **Financial Audit Services**

SOUTH EAST WATER LIMITED

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Call for competition

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02a493

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

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

SOUTH EAST WATER LIMITED

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SNODLAND

ME65AH

#### **Contact**

Mike Moores

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#### **Telephone**

+44 1634873020

**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKJ - South East (England)

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.southeastwater.co.uk>

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

**I.6) Main activity**

Water

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**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Financial Audit Services

Reference number

SEW2095

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79212300 - Statutory audit services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

## Services

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

South East Water is seeking expressions of interest in its forthcoming tender exercise from suitably experienced and qualified audit firms for the provision of independent external financial auditor services, with an initial contract of 5 years and the option to extend up to a further 3 years starting August 2021.

The aim of this tender is to appoint an external audit firm to provide an independent audit opinion on the individual and consolidated financial

statements of the HDF group of companies. The group comprises 11 companies, including the UK parent company, two trading companies and

two overseas registered companies used to raise finance for other group companies.

The appointment of the new auditor to the group must be in compliance with the independence requirements of UK law and the Ethical Standards published by the Financial Reporting Council. The appointment must also be in line with the requirements of the group's senior loan documentation covenants, which prescribe that the auditor must be a firm of "international standing".

As well as the independent audit of the financial statements, this tender also includes the audit of appointed water company regulatory accounts in accordance with ISAs (UK), applicable law and ICAEW guidance on "Reporting to Regulators on Regulated Accounts". The regulated accounts for SEW comply with Ofwat's Regulated Accounting Guidelines (RAGs).

Please confirm your expression of interest and request the pre-qualification questionnaire by emailing [sewprocurement@southeastwater.co.uk](mailto:sewprocurement@southeastwater.co.uk)

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

Main site or place of performance

South East Water Limited, Rocfort Road, Snodland, Kent ME6 5AH

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

The provision of external independent financial audit services

#### **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

96

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial contract period of 5 years with the option to extend up to a further 3 years. Maximum period of 8 years.

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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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

#### **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 the receipt of applications for an invitation to tender or to negotiate**

Date

10 May 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

South East Water Limited

Snodland

Country

United Kingdom