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Planning

ID 4172635 - DFC - PROVISION OF A TECHNICAL ACCOUNTANCY SUPPORT SERVICE (TASS) - *PRE-MARKET ENGAGEMENT*****

DFC - Department for Communities

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

DFC - Department for Communities

BELFAST

Email

ssdadmin.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS 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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

- 79210000 - Accounting and auditing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

PRE-MARKET ENGAGEMENT EXERCISE The Department for Communities (DfC) Local Government and Housing Regulation Division (LGHRD) aims to support Northern Ireland district councils in the delivery of a system of strong and effective local government. This means laying the foundations for a system of local government which meets the needs of ratepayers and users of district council services and facilities. The role of LGHRD includes to: • Provide a legislative and policy framework to allow councils to guide local public services (including issuing local government circulars); • Perform local government consultations on new local government policy and legislation; • Pay the Rates Support Grant (RSG), De-rating Grant (DRG) and Transferred Functions Grant (TFG) to councils; • Develop methods to improve the administration, finance and audit of local government; • Oversee and liaise with councils; • Oversee the Local Government Staff Commission (LGSC) and the Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee (NILGOSC); and • Liaise with the Local Government Auditor. The DfC is currently preparing to initiate a procurement process to establish a contract with a Contractor to provide accountancy support and guidance to the Technical Accountancy Support Service (TASS) to the 11 councils and DfC. Prior to initiating the procurement, the DfC wishes to establish the level of market interest in participating in the procurement process. **PLEASE NOTE: ALL COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA THE MESSAGING FUNCTION on eTendersNI, BEFORE 3PM on Friday 08 April 2022.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

22 March 2022

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