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Contract

External Auditor Services

Development Bank of Wales

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKL - Wales

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.developmentbank.wales>

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0555

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Finance

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

External Auditor Services

Reference number

DBW00116.00

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79212000 - Auditing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

DBW wishes to procure external audit services for the group for the financial year ended 31 March 2026 which should include:

The audit of the group's Annual Report and Financial Statements, prepared under IFRS, noting that any future changes to IFRS should be incorporated into all future audits under this agreement.

The audit of the group's subsidiary accounts, to include:

Limited companies and General partners, prepared under FRS101

Limited Partnerships, one of which is consolidated and is prepared under FRS101, the remainder are non-consolidated and prepared under FRS102

Client Asset Sourcebook (CASS) assurance for FW Capital

Providing audit confirmations on a Component Auditor basis to the Welsh Audit Wales Office.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £3,350,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79212100 - Financial auditing services
- 79212000 - Auditing services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Cardiff

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Please note that the successful bidder will also be required to share the Group Audit Completion Memo with Welsh Government employees.

Selection Process

The tender process will include four stages as follows:

Assessment of Capability and Knowledge – this will be a written submission in response to the questions in the Technical Envelope on etenderWales.

Submission of Fees – bidders are requested to submit their proposed fees for the services using the template provided in the attachment section on etenderWales. Volume 2 Commercial Evaluation.

Presentation – following the evaluation of the written and commercial submissions, the four top scoring bidders will be asked to attend a presentation with members of DBWs Audit and Risk Committee (ARC) and senior members of the finance team. The topic of the presentation is set out in Section 12 of the ITT Volume 1. We expect senior members of the audit team to be present.

Informal meeting with key members of the finance team - the four top scoring bidders that proceed to the presentation stage will be asked to attend an informal meeting with key members of the finance team. This will not be scored as part of the bid.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Presentation / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Evaluation / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 30

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

Please refer to scope within Volume 1 ITT for further information

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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DBW000116.00

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

4 March 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

FORVIS MAZARS LLP

30 Old Bailey

London

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,350,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Please refer to Volume 1 ITT for further information. In order for commercially sensitive information to be shared a NDA will need to be completed and returned.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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