

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/008346-2022>

Tender

## **ID 3924628 DFE - Tourism NI - Managed Business Support Services**

Tourism Northern Ireland

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-008346

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-032734

Published 29 March 2022, 9:12am

### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Tourism Northern Ireland

Floors 10-12, Linum Chambers, Bedford Square, Bedford Street

BELFAST

BT2 7ES

#### **Email**

[SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto: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.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

## **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 to 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**

ID 3924628 DFE - Tourism NI - Managed Business Support Services

Reference number

ID 3924628

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

- 79411000 - General management consultancy services

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

Services

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

Tourism Northern Ireland (TNI) wishes to appoint a Contractor to provide a Managed Business Support Service to the Tourism Industry. It is anticipated that this Contract will commence in May 2022 for a duration of one year with the option to extend for two further periods of 12 months each.

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

Value excluding VAT: £7,500,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 79411100 - Business development consultancy services
- 73220000 - Development consultancy services

- 80500000 - Training services
- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80510000 - Specialist training services
- 80521000 - Training programme services
- 80530000 - Vocational training services
- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

Tourism Northern Ireland (TNI) wishes to appoint a Contractor to provide a Managed Business Support Service to the Tourism Industry. It is anticipated that this Contract will commence in May 2022 for a duration of one year with the option to extend for two further periods of 12 months each.

### **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: £7,500,000

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

Duration in months

12

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

There are options to extend for two further periods of up to, and including, 12 months each.

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

---

## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

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

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

3 May 2022

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: 1 August 2022

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

Date

3 May 2022

Local time

3:30pm

---

## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: A tender is expected to be published approximately 3-6 months before the end of this Contract.

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The successful Contractor's performance on this Contract will be managed according to the specification and regularly monitored (see. Procurement Guidance Note 01/12 - Contract Management - Procedures and Principles). Contractors not delivering against 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 this Contract may be terminated. A central register of such Notices for supplies and services contracts will be maintained and published on the CPD website. Any contractor in receipt of a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance will be required to declare this in future tender submissions for a period of three years from the date of the issue of the Notice. It may also 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. . 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. 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 special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures in public procurement competitions. Any challenges are dealt with by the High Court Commercial Division to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the Public Contracts Regulations.

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..