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Contract

DfE - Article 127 Audit of Operations

Department for the Economy

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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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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Reference number

4010699

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79212000 - Auditing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Department for Economy (DfE) Audit Authority in Northern Ireland is seeking to establish a Framework Agreement of appropriately skilled Service Providers through the Open Competition process, to assist in the completion of Article 127 audits of operations on projects part funded by: the 2014-2020 European Structural Investment Funds (ESI Funds) ie the European Social Fund (ESF) and the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

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: £500,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79210000 - Accounting and auditing services
- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal 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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical and Professional Ability- Professional Qualifications /
Weighting: 0

Quality criterion - Name: Personnel Experience: Lead Auditor / Weighting: 12

Quality criterion - Name: Personnel Experience: Staff Assigned to Perform the Framework / Weighting: 21

Quality criterion - Name: Methodology / Weighting: 21

Quality criterion - Name: Contract Management / Weighting: 6

Cost criterion - Name: Daily Rates: Partner / Weighting: 1.4

Cost criterion - Name: Daily Rates: Principal/Senior Consultant / Weighting: 9.4

Cost criterion - Name: Daily Rates: Consultant / Weighting: 20

Cost criterion - Name: Daily Rates: Junior Consultant / Weighting: 9.2

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

It is anticipated that this Framework Agreement will commence on 1 April 2022. The Framework Agreement will be valid for 2 years with an option to extend up to 24 months. It should be noted that while contracts awarded under the scope of the Framework Agreement must be awarded before the end of the term of the Framework Agreement, the duration of the individual contracts do not need to coincide with the duration of the Framework Agreement i.e. individual contracts can extend beyond the life of the Framework or may expire before the end of the Framework Agreement.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: Yes

Identification of the project

2014-2020 European Structural Investment Funds (ESI Funds) ie the European Social Fund (ESF) and the

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

1

Title

Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 March 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £500,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £500,000

Section VI. Complementary information

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.

n/a

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