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Contract

## **Provision of Financial Services**

Avon Fire & Rescue Service

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-038be6

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

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

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**National registration number**

VAT No: 664419911

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.avonfire.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/30508>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Public order and safety

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Provision of Financial Services

Reference number

AFRS08-2022-15

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

- 66000000 - Financial and insurance services

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

Services

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

This is a Voluntary Ex Ante Transparency Notice to inform the market that Avon Fire Authority, operating as Avon Fire & Rescue Service, is intending to award a public contract by use of the negotiated procedure without prior publication, in accordance with Regulation 32 of The Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

The object of the public contract is the provision of financial services, which is a public service contract.

The general grounds are that the services can be supplied only by a particular economic operator, namely Bristol City Council, for the following reason:

‘Competition is absent for technical reasons’ – this is explained below in the ‘Description of the procurement’.

The Authority’s intention to award the contract is also covered by Regulation 72(1)(b) of The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 which allows for ‘modification of contracts during their term’ without a new procurement procedure due to ‘technical reasons’.

#### **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)**

- 66170000 - Financial consultancy, financial transaction processing and clearing-house services
- 66172000 - Financial transaction processing and clearing-house services
- 79412000 - Financial management consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Portishead, North Somerset, England

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

Avon Fire Authority, operating as Avon Fire & Rescue Service, is intending to award a public contract for the provision of financial services, in accordance with Regulation 32 of The Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

This decision is due to technical reasons, namely that we have a shared finance database and software solution, which has meant that additional services beyond March 2023, which were not included in the original tender from Bristol City Council (the sole bid received in 2018/2019), have become necessary, where a change of contractor, cannot be made at this time.

The current financial services contract with Bristol City Council expires in March 2023, however, the Service is currently in the process of a Finance Improvement Programme, including a move to devolved budgets, which will substantially change the Services' financial services specification/requirements over the next 12-24 months. It is therefore not possible to attempt to 'fix' a financial services specification for a formal tender exercise at this time, as the Services' requirements will be much clearer once the Finance Improvement Programme work is completed. The Service therefore intends to extend the current financial services contract with Bristol City Council for 2 years, until March 2025, to cover this period of change and during this period conduct a tender exercise which would cover new requirements identified during the Finance Improvement Programme. It is also possible that extending the contract timeline will also allow the Service an opportunity to investigate collaborative working opportunities, including sharing

financial services, with another public sector organisation.

The Financial Services contract will therefore be extended until March 2025, to provide the services already outlined in the extant contract, including:

- Payroll and allowances
- Accounting
- Treasury Management
- Creditors, and
- General revenue services

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

#### **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

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

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#### 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

Notice number: [2022/S 000-034795](#)

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## Section V. Award of contract

### Contract No

1

### Title

Provision of Financial Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## **V.2) Award of contract**

### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

21 March 2024

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

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

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Bristol City Council

City Hall, College Green

Bristol

BS1 5TR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

Bristol City Council

The contractor is an SME

No

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

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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Avon Fire and Rescue Services

Valley Road

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#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Please contact Avon Fire and Rescue Services in the first instance.