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Tender

## **Invitation to tender for External Audit Services**

Wales Audit Office

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-032c69

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

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

Wales Audit Office

24 Cathedral Road

Cardiff

CF11 9LJ

#### **Email**

[Tenders@audit.wales](mailto:Tenders@audit.wales)

#### **Telephone**

+44 2920320500

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+44 2920320600

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.audit.wales](http://www.audit.wales)

Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0519](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0519)

**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://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/>

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Invitation to tender for External Audit Services

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

- 79212000 - Auditing services

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

Services

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

This procurement exercise will establish a Services Contract for the purchase of External Audit Services to Wales Audit Office.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 79212000 - Auditing services
- 79212300 - Statutory audit services

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

NUTS codes

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Main site or place of performance

Cardiff

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

The Wales Audit Office is seeking an independent External Audit Provider to audit the Wales Audit Office's accounts and undertake examinations into the economy, efficiency,

and effectiveness with which the Auditor General and the Wales Audit Office have used their resources in discharging their functions.

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

12 month increments up to a total duration of 84 months (for clarity up to three renewals to a maximum duration of 7 years to cover up to financial year ending on 31 March 2029). Renewals subject to performance and agreement by Wales Audit Office and Senedd.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

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

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

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

The financial standing of the Supplier will be evaluated by reference to its Dunn & Bradstreet Risk Indicator score. If the Supplier's Dunn & Bradstreet Risk Indicator score is 1, 2 or 3, this will be a PASS. In the case of a consortium bid, this assessment will be made on the average the Dunn & Bradstreet Risk Indicator score for the members of the consortium.

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Must provide evidence of 3 contracts where you have delivered similar external auditing services to public sector organisations within the last 5 years

Must be registered on the Register of Statutory Auditors or equivalent

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.1) Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision

The Supplier must be a qualified auditor, being:

- a) eligible for appointment as a statutory auditor under Part 42 of the Companies Act 2006, or
- b) a member of an approved European body of accountants

#### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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## **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

25 May 2022

Local time

2:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

Welsh, English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Tender must be valid until: 24 October 2022

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

Date

25 May 2022

Local time

2:00pm

Place

Cardiff

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: March 2026 (unless extended).

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Sell2Wales Web Site at

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=120437](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=120437).

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox facility. A user guide is available at

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/sitehelp/help\\_guides.aspx](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx).

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

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The buyer considers that this contract is suitable for consortia.

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

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

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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+44 2079477501

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United Kingdom