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## **ID 5114709 UREGNI - Provision of Internal Audit Services**

Utility Regulator

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-010362

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-044e6a

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

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

Utility Regulator

Queens House 14 Queen Street

BELFAST

BT1 6ED

#### **Email**

[SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

### **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 electronically via

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

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### **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**

ID 5114709 UREGNI - Provision of Internal Audit Services

Reference number

ID 5114709

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

- 79212000 - Auditing services

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

Services

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

The Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation is a non-ministerial government department responsible for regulating the electricity, gas, water and sewerage industries in Northern Ireland. In doing so, we promote short and long-term interests of energy and water consumers. We are accountable to the Northern Ireland Assembly through financial and annual reporting obligations. The purpose of this Contract is to secure the provision of internal audit services defined as “an independent, objective assurance and consulting activity.” This is in accordance with the responsibilities, standards and ethics laid down by the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS). Please see ID 5114709 Specification document for further information.

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

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

- 79212200 - Internal audit services
- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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

Quality criterion - Name: AC1 Head of Internal Audit Experience / Weighting: 18

Quality criterion - Name: AC2 Proposed Team Experience / Weighting: 18

Quality criterion - Name: AC3 Proposed Methodology / Weighting: 7.8

Quality criterion - Name: AC4 Contract Management / Weighting: 6

Quality criterion - Name: AC5 Social Value / Weighting: 10.2

Cost criterion - Name: AC6 Total Contract Cost / Weighting: 40

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

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

Duration in months

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This contract is an ongoing requirement for the Utility Regulator and may be subject to renewal after the current contract expires.

#### **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 the contract for two separate periods of up to 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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The estimated total contract value in II.2.6 is a maximum estimated figure for the entire duration of the contract. Options will align with budgets which are subject to confirmation and approval by the Utility Regulator. .

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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

1 May 2024

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: 30 July 2024

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

Date

1 May 2024

Local time

3:30pm

## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### VI.3) Additional information

Contract Monitoring. The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored. Contractors not delivering.. on 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 your performance does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, this can be considered grounds for.. termination of the contract at your expense as provided for in the Conditions of Contract. In lieu of termination, CPD may issue a Notice.. of Written Warning or a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance. A supplier in receipt of multiple Notices of Written Warning or a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance may, in accordance with The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) be excluded from future public procurement competitions for a period of up to three years. 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 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. Postal address

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom