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## **DfC - Strategic Partner Framework for Department for Communities and its participating Arm's Length Bodies**

Department for Communities  
Department for Communities NI  
Armagh Observatory  
Armagh Planetarium  
Arts Council of Northern Ireland  
Charity Commission for Northern Ireland  
National Museums Northern Ireland  
Northern Ireland Housing Executive  
Northern Ireland Museums Council  
Libraries NI  
Local Government Staff Commission  
The Commissioner for Older People for NI

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

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

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Arts Council of Northern Ireland

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Belfast

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Charity Commission for Northern Ireland

257 Lough Road Lurgan

Craigavon

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**I.1) Name and addresses**

National Museums Northern Ireland

Cultra

Hollywood

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Northern Ireland Housing Executive

2 Adelaide Street

Belfast

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**I.1) Name and addresses**

Northern Ireland Museums Council

6 Crescent Gardens

Belfast

BT7 1NS

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

Libraries NI

Lisburn City Library 23 Linenhall Street

Lisburn

BT28 1FJ

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

Local Government Staff Commission

22 Gordon Street, Belfast

Belfast

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**I.1) Name and addresses**

The Commissioner for Older People for NI

Equality House 7-9 Shaftesbury Square

Belfast

BT2 7DP

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## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves 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 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**

DfC - Strategic Partner Framework for Department for Communities and its participating Arm's Length Bodies

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

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

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

Services

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

The Department for Communities (DfC) and participating Arm's length bodies have a requirement to set up a single supplier Strategic Partner Framework Agreement to support and enable them to meet the strategic goals and objectives outlined in the Departments Five Year Strategy and deliver associated Work Packages. This Framework Agreement will allow the Participating bodies listed in the Specification Schedule to establish a Call-off Contract with the successful Contractor to provide professional services when required. Further details are provided within the Specification Schedule. The Framework Agreement will be for an initial two years with the option to extend for two further periods of 12 months each. This Framework will operate on a call-off contract basis and there is no commitment to the usage, volume or value of services required under this Framework.

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

Value excluding VAT: £10,500,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services

- 79411000 - General management consultancy services
- 79411100 - Business development consultancy services
- 79412000 - Financial management consultancy services
- 79414000 - Human resources management consultancy services
- 79990000 - Miscellaneous business-related services
- 75111200 - Legislative services
- 66170000 - Financial consultancy, financial transaction processing and clearing-house services
- 70000000 - Real estate services
- 70332200 - Commercial property management services
- 70331000 - Residential property services
- 70332000 - Non-residential property services
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 72212482 - Business intelligence software development services
- 72220000 - Systems and technical consultancy services
- 72221000 - Business analysis consultancy services
- 72222300 - Information technology services
- 72224100 - System implementation planning services
- 72227000 - Software integration consultancy services
- 72266000 - Software consultancy services
- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services
- 72500000 - Computer-related services
- 72600000 - Computer support and consultancy services
- 72800000 - Computer audit and testing services
- 92000000 - Recreational, cultural and sporting services
- 92500000 - Library, archives, museums and other cultural services
- 79300000 - Market and economic research; polling and statistics

- 79310000 - Market research services
- 75300000 - Compulsory social security 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**

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: £10,500,000

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

Duration in months

48

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

The Framework Agreement will be for an initial two years with the option to extend for two further periods of 12 months each. This Framework will operate on a call-off contract basis and there is no commitment to the usage, volume or value of services required under this Framework. The estimated contract value indicated in II.1.5 and II.2.6 represents the potential value of spend under this contract which is estimated to be in the range of £6.7m to £10.5m GBP exclusive of VAT.

**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 successful Contractor's performance on this Framework will be managed as per the specification and regularly monitored (see <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/publications/procurement-guidance-note-0112-contract-management-principles-and-procedures>).

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 their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be grounds for termination of the contract at the Contractors expense. In lieu of termination they may be issued with a Notice of Written Warning or a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance. 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 multiple Notice of Written Warning or Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance will be required to declare this in future tender submissions for a period of three years from the date of 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.

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

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

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

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

The successful Contractor's performance will be managed as per the specification and conditions of contract.

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## **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

Framework agreement with a single operator

#### **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

30 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: 28 August 2022

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

Date

30 May 2022

Local time

3:30pm

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Only CPD Procurement staff with access to the project on eTendersNI.

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

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

The successful Contractor's performance on this Contract will be managed as per the specification and regularly monitored (see <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/publications/procurement-guidance-note-0112-contract-management-principles-and-procedures>).

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

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

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures.

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

##### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures.

Belfast

Country

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

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and, where appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of framework is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision.