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Tender

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

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Communities

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BT61 9DG

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I.1) Name and addresses

Arts Council of Northern Ireland

MacNeice House 77 Malone Road

Belfast

BT9 6AQ

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I.1) Name and addresses

Charity Commission for Northern Ireland

257 Lough Road Lurgan

Craigavon

BT66 6NQ

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I.1) Name and addresses

National Museums Northern Ireland

Cultra

Hollywood

BT18 0EU

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I.1) Name and addresses

Northern Ireland Housing Executive

2 Adelaide Street

Belfast

BT2 8BP

Email

SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk

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Northern Ireland Museums Council

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Belfast

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I.1) Name and addresses

Libraries NI

Lisburn City Library 23 Linenhall Street

Lisburn

BT28 1FJ

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Local Government Staff Commission

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Belfast

BT1 2LG

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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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SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk

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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

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.

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.

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.

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

United Kingdom

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.