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Tender

DoF Collaborative Framework for the Provision of Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard Qualified Security Assessor(s)

Department of Finance

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Scope

Reference

ID 6334962

Description

The Department of Finance is seeking to establish a Framework agreement for the provision of a Data Security Standard Qualified Security Assessor to aid departments in achieving full Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (PCI DSS) compliance. The need for this framework is urgent and it is expected it will go live in February 2026 and will last for four years.

The Qualified Security Assessor will work directly with each department to assist/teach department towards attaining full PCI DSS compliance and providing the knowledge needed to maintain compliance in the future.

As such this will be a new collaborative framework allowing each Dept / public bodies to

make a Call-Off Contract for the support and services required. For all Contracting Authorities that may avail of this Framework, please see the tender documentation.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £1,250,000 excluding VAT
- £1,500,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 31 March 2026 to 30 March 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 66000000 - Financial and insurance services
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 72600000 - Computer support and consultancy services
- 66152000 - Financial market regulatory services

- 66171000 - Financial consultancy services

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

1

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

Contracts will be awarded to the Supplier, following award of the Framework, on a Call-Off basis.

The charges for the services for any Client under a Call Off Contact must not exceed the charges as detailed in Annex 3 of the Short Form Contract

It must also be noted that each Call-Off Contract must not exceed £112,500 exclusive of VAT.

Award method when using the framework

Without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

For all Contracting Authorities that may avail of this Framework, please see the tender documentation

Contracting authority location restrictions

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Participation

Technical ability conditions of participation

Please see tender documentation

Submission

Enquiry deadline

23 February 2026, 3:00pm

Tender submission deadline

4 March 2026, 3:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Tenders must be submitted electronically via the relevant Call for Tender (CfT) opportunity on eTendersNI, website details immediately below.

Paper submissions will not be accepted or considered and will be rejected by the Contracting Authority / Buyer.

The tender documents are available with unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: URL <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

30 March 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Award Criteria 3 - Price	Price	40%
Award Criteria 1 - QSA Experience	Quality	30%
Award Criteria 2 - Support and Delivery	Quality	30%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Department of Finance

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVTL-7513-YWVJ

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Belfast

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United Kingdom

Email: SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk

Website: <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk>

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

CPD - Supplies and Services Division

Summary of their role in this procurement: Construction and Procurement Delivery - Supplies and Services Division, is a Centre of Procurement Expertise and provides a central procurement function for central government in Northern Ireland

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVWG-8426-YWXV

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Contact organisation

Contact [CPD - Supplies and Services Division](#) for any enquiries.