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Contract

## **GEN\_20\_28 The Provision of Legal Services: Constitutional and Public Law and Local Public Audit Law**

National Audit Office

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02b7a9

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

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

National Audit Office

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKI - London

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.nao.org.uk/>

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Financial audit and VFM reports

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

GEN\_20\_28 The Provision of Legal Services: Constitutional and Public Law and Local Public Audit Law

Reference number

GEN\_20\_28

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79100000 - Legal services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Legal advice for Constitutional and Public Law and Local Public Audit Law.

This tender has been divided into two lots.

Lot 1: Constitutional and Public Law

Lot 2: Local Public Audit Law

Further details can be found in the ITT documents.

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £1,885,000

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Constitutional and Public Law

Lot No

1

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

- 79100000 - Legal services
- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services
- 79111000 - Legal advisory services
- 79112000 - Legal representation services
- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services

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

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

Main site or place of performance

LONDON

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

Legal Advice relating to the C&AG/NAO's constitutional position and statutory powers – including but not limited to:

- o interpretation of C&AG/NAO's existing powers and responsibilities (for example: financial audit; value for money examinations and Comptroller function);
  - o proposed/draft legislation impacting on C&AG/NAO's powers and responsibilities (both UK and devolved legislation);
  - o relationship between the C&AG, the NAO and Parliament;
  - o C&AG's discretion and independence;
  - o C&AG as an Officer of the House of Commons;
  - o parliamentary privilege.
- Advice relating to existing and draft legislation of relevance to the C&AG/NAO's operational and audit activities - including but not limited to:
- o application and compliance with statutory regimes (for example: Freedom of Information; Environmental Information Regulations; subject access requests; data protection; money laundering; judicial review; equality and inclusion);
  - o interpretation and guidance regarding the implications of public law matters for the C&AG/NAO's work (for example: commercial sensitivity; national security; confidentiality; tax law; defamation and discovery; legal privilege and sub-judice questions; EU exit, EU law; devolution and Covid19 related matters).

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

Price

#### **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

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

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Local Public Audit Law

Lot No

2

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

- 79100000 - Legal services
- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services
- 79111000 - Legal advisory services
- 79112000 - Legal representation services
- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services

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

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

Main site or place of performance

LONDON

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

•Legal advice Including but not limited to:

o supporting and advising on matters relating to the C&AG's Code of Audit Practice and guidance to local auditors;

o providing guidance and advice on all aspects of the local public audit regime in England;

o assisting the NAO in responding to queries from audit firms and other correspondents on the interpretation of public law, audit law and the legal framework applicable to local

public bodies;

o advising on anticipated/actual changes in relevant primary and secondary legislation and regulations, including any implications of EU exit, devolution and Covid19.

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

Price

#### **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

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

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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: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2020/S 208-509172](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Lot No**

1

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

26 November 2020

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

BDB Pitmans

One Bartholomew Cl

London

EC1A 7BL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

National registration number

OC320798

The contractor is an SME

No

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,510,000

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### **Section V. Award of contract**

#### **Lot No**

2

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

#### **V.2) Award of contract**

##### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

26 November 2020

##### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

##### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Bates Wells

10 Queen St Pl

London

EC4R 1BE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

National registration number

08816444

The contractor is an SME

No

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £345,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

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

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

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