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Contract

Supply of Audit and Assurance Services Y23030

Kent County Council (t/a KCS Procurement Services)

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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UK - United Kingdom

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Buyer's address

<http://www.commercialservices.org.uk>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Supply of Audit and Assurance Services Y23030

Reference number

DN650882

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79212000 - Auditing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Framework Agreement will cover the provision and ability to provide a range of Audit and Assurance Services and will be split into 3 LOTs. Tenderers are not required to submit responses for all LOTs, only those for which they can supply the Services.

LOT 1 – External Audit

Covering the provision of statutory external audits, accounting, and inspection and evaluation, as required. Services may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Statutory audit services
- Accounting, auditing and fiscal services
- Financial auditing services

LOT 2 – Internal Audit and Assurance

Covering all aspects of assurance and consultancy for the purpose of providing an assessment on risk management, governance and internal control processes. Services may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Internal audit
- Accounting and financial audit
- Computer audit
- Audit and governance services
- Consultancy and risk advisory services

LOT 3 – Counter Fraud and Investigation

Covering the provision of services relating to counter fraud work and reactive investigations including forensics. Services may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Advice on and assessment of fraud, bribery and corruption awareness/prevention
- Financial irregularity investigations and non-financial irregularity investigations
- Forensic and integrity services

- Expert witness services

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

Lowest offer: £0.1 / Highest offer: £100,000,000 taken into consideration

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

External Audit

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79212100 - Financial auditing services
- 79212400 - Fraud audit services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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- Financial auditing services

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Delivering the Framework Agreement / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Delivering the Service and Account Management / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Standards, Regulations and Policies / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 20

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Internal Audit and Assurance

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72810000 - Computer audit services
- 79212200 - Internal audit services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.1) Title

Counter Fraud and Investigation

Lot No

3

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- 79212400 - Fraud audit services

II.2.3) Place of performance

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- UK - United Kingdom

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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

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

Y23030

Lot No

1

Title

External Audit

A contract/lot is awarded: No

V.1) Information on non-award

The contract/lot is not awarded

No tenders or requests to participate were received or all were rejected

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

Y23030

Lot No

2

Title

Internal Audit and Assurance

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 April 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

TIAA Ltd

Hampshire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Lowest offer: £0.1 / Highest offer: £30,000,000 taken into consideration

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V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

BDO LLP

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Azets Technology Solutions Ltd

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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Contract No

Y23030

Lot No

3

Title

Counter Fraud and Investigation

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 April 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

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

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Lowest offer: £0.1 / Highest offer: £40,000,000 taken into consideration

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V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

FRP Advisory Trading Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Azets Holding Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Lowest offer: £0.1 / Highest offer: £40,000,000 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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