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Contract

## **Supply of Audit and Assurance Services Y23030**

Kent County Council (t/a KCS Procurement Services)

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-012840

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

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

Kent County Council (t/a KCS Procurement Services)

Head Office, 1 Abbey Wood Group, Kings Hill

West Malling

ME19 4YT

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Miss Tamara Stevens

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

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

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## **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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- Accounting, auditing and fiscal services
- 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**

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

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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**

Counter Fraud and Investigation

Lot No

3

### **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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## **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**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-000926](#)

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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

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## **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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Y23030

### **Lot No**

2

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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**

BDO LLP

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: £30,000,000 taken into consideration

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Y23030

#### **Lot No**

2

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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**

Azets Technology Solutions Ltd

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: £30,000,000 taken into consideration

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

### **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

### **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: £40,000,000 taken into consideration

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### **Contract No**

Y23030

### **Lot No**

3

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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

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Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

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

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

BDO LLP

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

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Y23030

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3

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Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

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

### **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

### **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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Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Commercial Services Kent Limited

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West Malling

ME19 4YT

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