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Expert Witness Services for Post Office Horizon Inquiry

Business Energy and Industrial Strategy

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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NUTS code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-business-energy-and-industrial-strategy>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Expert Witness Services for Post Office Horizon Inquiry

Reference number

PRJ402

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The procurement of an Expert IT Witness, leading a team who will

- Analyse c 70 000 log files by a relevant professional/team to aid understanding of the key themes evidenced within the logs and interpretation of these issues as a clear narrative for the benefit of the Chair to the Inquiry (Sir Wyn Williams) and ultimately for the progress of the Inquiry's work; and
- Analyse around 10,000 key business and process documents identifying significant points and accountability, with reference to your expert judgement and the Inquiry's key areas to resolve (List of Issues refers).

- iii. Produce a written report prior to the hearings in September, which sets out the key points in (i) and (ii) above
- iv. Provide an Expert witness with relevant expertise must be available to be cross-examined on findings in the September hearings. They will attest to the veracity of their work, and answer questions on it.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £750,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
- 79900000 - Miscellaneous business and business-related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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- ii. Analyse around 10,000 key business and process documents identifying significant points and accountability, with reference to your expert judgement and the Inquiry's key areas to resolve (List of Issues refers).
- iii. Produce a written report prior to the hearings in September, which sets out the key points in (i) and (ii) above
- iv. Provide an Expert witness with relevant expertise must be available to be cross-

examined on findings in the September hearings. They will attest to the veracity of their work, and answer questions on it.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

An Expression of Interest process was carried out through the Crown Commercial Services Framework 'Management Consultancy Framework 3' (MCF3).

0 bidders stated their interest, both in terms of capability, lack of conflict of interest, previous experience or capacity. Therefore, a direct award was deemed appropriate.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to open procedure

Explanation:

An Expression of Interest process was undertaken through the Crown Commercial Service framework 'Management Consultancy Framework 3' (MCF3).

0 bidders responded positively, due to lack of capability, capacity, previous experience, or lack of conflict of interest.

Due to the urgency of this requirement, and the lack of an available market, it was deemed appropriate to award directly to Alix Partners, who were identified through internal research.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

16 May 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Alix Partners

London

EC4A 3BF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £750,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

London

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Country

United Kingdom