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Contract

## **External audit of public bodies in Scotland**

Audit Scotland

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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**NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

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Main address

[www.audit-scotland.gov.uk](http://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk)

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00428](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00428)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

External audit of public bodies in Scotland

Reference number

NAA-2021

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79212000 - Auditing services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

This tender exercise is designed to allow the Auditor General and the Accounts Commission to make appointments to firms for approximately 36 per cent by value of the overall annual audit work of the bodies within their remits.

#### **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: £38,901,542

### **II.2) Description**

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

Core audits

Lot No

1

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

- 79212100 - Financial auditing services
- 79212300 - Statutory audit services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

The Auditor General and the Accounts Commission require to appoint external auditors for the audit of several public sector bodies within their remits. This work is expected to comprise 30-36% by value of their overall annual audit work. These appointments are for the audit years 2022/23 to 2026/27.

Applicants must satisfy statutory qualification requirements. The conduct of the audits is also governed by Audit Scotland's Code of Audit Practice, which is wider in scope than for the audit of private sector organisations, and International Standards on Auditing (UK).

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

Quality criterion - Name: Audit tools, support, and access to appropriate expertise / Weighting: 8%

Quality criterion - Name: Training and developing the audit profession / Weighting: 8%

Quality criterion - Name: Skills of key staff / Weighting: 16%

Quality criterion - Name: Quality of written material / Weighting: 16%

Quality criterion - Name: Adding value to audited bodies / Weighting: 6%

Quality criterion - Name: Contribution to the public sector audit regime in Scotland / Weighting: 6%

Quality criterion - Name: Ability to present to audit committees / Weighting: 8%

Quality criterion - Name: Climate change / Weighting: 4%

Quality criterion - Name: Fair work practices / Weighting: 4%

Quality criterion - Name: Community benefit / Weighting: 4%

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**

Public Interest Entities

Lot No

2

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

- 79212100 - Financial auditing services
- 79212300 - Statutory audit services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

The Auditor General and the Accounts Commission require to appoint external auditors for the audit of public sector bodies within their remits that are Public Interest Entities. This work is expected to comprise the audit of one or two councils. These appointments are for the audit years 2022/23 to 2026/27.

Applicants must satisfy statutory qualification requirements. The conduct of the audits is also governed by Audit Scotland's Code of Audit Practice, which is wider in scope than for the audit of private sector organisations, and International Standards on Auditing (UK).

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

Quality criterion - Name: Audit tools, support, and access to appropriate expertise /  
Weighting: 8%

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Quality criterion - Name: Skills of key staff / Weighting: 16%

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Quality criterion - Name: Adding value to audited bodies / Weighting: 6%

Quality criterion - Name: Contribution to the public sector audit regime in Scotland /  
Weighting: 6%

Quality criterion - Name: Ability to present to audit committees / Weighting: 8%

Quality criterion - Name: Climate change / Weighting: 4%

Quality criterion - Name: Fair work practices / Weighting: 4%

Quality criterion - Name: Community benefit / Weighting: 4%

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**

Regulated water industry

Lot No

3

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

- 79212100 - Financial auditing services
- 79212300 - Statutory audit services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

The Auditor General and the Accounts Commission for Scotland require to appoint external auditors for the audit of regulated water industry entities within their remits. This work is expected to comprise of the audit of Scottish Water. These appointments are for the audit years 2022/23 to 2026/27.

Applicants must satisfy statutory qualification requirements. The conduct of the audits is also governed by Audit Scotland's Code of Audit Practice, which is wider in scope than for the audit of private sector organisations, and International Standards on Auditing (UK).

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Quality criterion - Name: Ability to present to audit committees / Weighting: 8%

Quality criterion - Name: Climate change / Weighting: 4%

Quality criterion - Name: Fair work practices / Weighting: 4%

Quality criterion - Name: Community benefit / Weighting: 4%

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**

Regulated financial industry

Lot No

4

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

- 79212100 - Financial auditing services
- 79212300 - Statutory audit services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

The Auditor General and the Accounts Commission require to appoint external auditors for the audit of regulated financial industry entities within their remits. This work is expected to comprise the audit of the Scottish National Investment Bank. These appointments are for the audit years 2022/23 to 2026/27.

Applicants must satisfy statutory qualification requirements. The conduct of the audits is also governed by Audit Scotland's Code of Audit Practice, which is wider in scope than for the audit of private sector organisations, and International Standards on Auditing (UK).

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



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Quality criterion - Name: Climate change / Weighting: 4%

Quality criterion - Name: Fair work practices / Weighting: 4%

Quality criterion - Name: Community benefit / Weighting: 4%

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

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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: [2021/S 000-022067](#)

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

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

Core audits

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

8 March 2022

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

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 6

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

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

KPMG

319 St Vincent Street

Glasgow

G2 5AS

Telephone

+44 7717808301

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Deloitte LLP

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London

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Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

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EDINBURGH

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

No

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

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London

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Ernst & Young LLP (EY)

G1 Building, 5 George Square

Glasgow

G2 1DY

Telephone

+44 2079512000

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

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Edinburgh

EH12 5HD

Telephone

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+44 1313137950

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £33,428,342

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

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

Public Interest Entities

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

8 March 2022

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

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

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

KPMG

319 St Vincent Street

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

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The contractor is an SME

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Telephone

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Country

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NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

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Glasgow

G2 1DY

Telephone

+44 2079512000

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)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,893,200

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

### **Lot No**

3

### **Title**

Regulated water industry

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

8 March 2022

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

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

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

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Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,100,000

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

### **Lot No**

4

### **Title**

Regulated financial industry

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

8 March 2022

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

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

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

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Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £480,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

(SC Ref:694134)

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

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

Edinburgh Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

Sheriff Court House, 27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom