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Contract

VAT Partner Framework

Cardiff Council

Torfaen County Borough Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-047c06

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.cardiff.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0422

I.1) Name and addresses

Torfaen County Borough Council

Civic Centre, Pontypool

Torfaen

NP4 6YB

Email

CorporateFrameworks@cardiff.gov.uk

Telephone

+44 1495762200

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKL16 - Gwent Valleys

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.torfaen.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0498

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

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

VAT Partner Framework

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 66122000 - Corporate finance and venture capital services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Both Cardiff Council, and Torfaen County Borough Council (termed “the Councils”) are looking to appoint a framework of innovative providers to work alongside them to analyse and examine the spend across the Council’s Directorates to both ensure VAT compliance and be able to respond to opportunities in VAT reclamation which may arise, for example, from changes in legislation.

The Councils do not necessarily have the in-house expertise or resources to identify and scope out potential opportunities for VAT reclamation, and therefore seeks a suitably qualified and experienced organisation to work in partnership to ensure that any reclamation opportunities are acted upon decisively. The services operating under this contract will be managed and administered centrally by the Revenues Department of our Resources Directorate.

The services required as part of this Framework include:

1. 'No-win-no-fee' VAT reclamation projects - these will be either the Councils or Supplier suggested VAT related projects for which the payment mechanism will be a NWNF % of the reclaimed VAT figure.
2. Specialist tax advice on major projects – as required and directed by the Councils, and paid on a daily or hourly rate basis.

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: £2,400,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 66122000 - Corporate finance and venture capital services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan
- UKL16 - Gwent Valleys

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 55%

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10%

Price - Weighting: 35%

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

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

14 April 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

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: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

LAVAT CONSULTING LIMITED

2 Chamberlain Square, Paradise Circus

Birmingham

B33AX

Telephone

+44 3456861321

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG31 - Birmingham

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

CENTURION VAT SPECIALISTS ALL LTD

Celtic House, Caxton Place

Cardiff

CF238HA

Telephone

+44 3301247740

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £2,400,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,400,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(WA Ref:149939)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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