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Contract

## **DfE Invest NI - Provision of Trade Advisory Services in GB and Rol**

Invest NI

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-015196

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02ff7a

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

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

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#### **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**

DfE Invest NI - Provision of Trade Advisory Services in GB and Rol

Reference number

ID3799728

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

- 75000000 - Administration, defence and social security services

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

Services

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

DfE Invest NI - Provision of Trade Advisory Services in GB and Rol

#### **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: £2,900,000

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

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

Aerospace

Lot No

1

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

- 75110000 - General public services

- 75111100 - Executive services
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
- 66150000 - Financial markets administration services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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

DfE Invest NI - Provision of Trade Advisory Services in GB and RoI

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 30

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

the TAS GB RoI service will run for a total contract period of five years with breaks/extensions at the end of years two and four 2+2+1 contract. The one year extension will provide opportunities to not proceed and enable alignment with global TAS procurement.

### **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**

Space

Lot No

2

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

- 75110000 - General public services
- 75111100 - Executive services
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
- 66150000 - Financial markets administration services

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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**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**

Construction

Lot No

3

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

- 75110000 - General public services
- 75111100 - Executive services
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
- 66150000 - Financial markets administration services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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

DfE Invest NI - Provision of Trade Advisory Services in GB and RoI

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

Quality criterion - Name: quality / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: cost / Weighting: 30

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

the TAS GB RoI service will run for a total contract period of five years with breaks/extensions at the end of years two and four 2+2+1 contract. The one year extension will provide opportunities to not proceed and enable alignment with global TAS procurement.

### **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**

Consumer Goods

Lot No

4

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

- 75110000 - General public services
- 75111100 - Executive services
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
- 66150000 - Financial markets administration services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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

Quality criterion - Name: quality / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: cost / Weighting: 30

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

the TAS GB RoI service will run for a total contract period of five years with breaks/extensions at the end of years two and four 2+2+1 contract. The one year extension will provide opportunities to not proceed and enable alignment with global TAS

procurement.

### **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**

Engineering

Lot No

5

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

- 75110000 - General public services
- 75111100 - Executive services
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
- 66150000 - Financial markets administration services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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

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

Quality criterion - Name: quality / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: cost / Weighting: 30

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Options: Yes



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the TAS GB RoI service will run for a total contract period of five years with breaks/extensions at the end of years two and four 2+2+1 contract. The one year extension will provide opportunities to not proceed and enable alignment with global TAS procurement.

### **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**

Food and Drink

Lot No

6

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

- 75110000 - General public services
- 75111100 - Executive services
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
- 66150000 - Financial markets administration services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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

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

Quality criterion - Name: quality / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: cost / Weighting: 30

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Options: Yes

Description of options

the TAS GB RoI service will run for a total contract period of five years with breaks/extensions at the end of years two and four 2+2+1 contract. The one year extension will provide opportunities to not proceed and enable alignment with global TAS procurement.

### **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**

Healthcare and Life Sciences

Lot No

7

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

- 75110000 - General public services
- 75111100 - Executive services
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
- 66150000 - Financial markets administration services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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

DfE Invest NI - Provision of Trade Advisory Services in GB and RoI

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

Quality criterion - Name: quality / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: cost / Weighting: 30

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

the TAS GB RoI service will run for a total contract period of five years with breaks/extensions at the end of years two and four 2+2+1 contract. The one year extension will provide opportunities to not proceed and enable alignment with global TAS procurement.

### **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**

Professional Services

Lot No

8

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

- 75110000 - General public services
- 75111100 - Executive services
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
- 66150000 - Financial markets administration services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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DfE Invest NI - Provision of Trade Advisory Services in GB and RoI

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

Quality criterion - Name: quality / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: cost / Weighting: 30

## **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

the TAS GB RoI service will run for a total contract period of five years with breaks/extensions at the end of years two and four 2+2+1 contract. The one year extension will provide opportunities to not proceed and enable alignment with global TAS procurement.

## **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**

Technology and Creative

Lot No

9

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

- 75110000 - General public services
- 75111100 - Executive services
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
- 66150000 - Financial markets administration services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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

DfE Invest NI - Provision of Trade Advisory Services in GB and RoI

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Quality criterion - Name: quality / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: cost / Weighting: 30

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Options: Yes

Description of options

the TAS GB RoI service will run for a total contract period of five years with breaks/extensions at the end of years two and four 2+2+1 contract. The one year extension will provide opportunities to not proceed and enable alignment with global TAS procurement.

### **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.1.8) 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 000-030723](#)

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

### **Contract No**

1

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

Aerospace

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**

2

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

Space

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

26 May 2022

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

Number of tenders received: 11

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: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 11

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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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: £180,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £180,000



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

### **Contract No**

3

### **Lot No**

3

### **Title**

Construction

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

26 May 2022

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

Number of tenders received: 11

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: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 11

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

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

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The contractor is an SME

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

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

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Country

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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: £500,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £500,000

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

### **Contract No**

4

### **Lot No**

4

### **Title**

Consumer Goods

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

26 May 2022

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

Number of tenders received: 11

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: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 11

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

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

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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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: £180,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £180,000

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

### **Contract No**

5

### **Lot No**

5

### **Title**

Engineering

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

26 May 2022

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

Number of tenders received: 11

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: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 11

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

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

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The contractor is an SME

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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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: £500,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £500,000

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

### **Contract No**

6

### **Lot No**

6

### **Title**

Food and Drink

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

26 May 2022

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

Number of tenders received: 11

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: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 11

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

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

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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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: £180,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £180,000

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

### **Contract No**

7

### **Lot No**

7

### **Title**

Healthcare and Life Sciences

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

26 May 2022

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

Number of tenders received: 11

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: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 11

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

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

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The contractor is an SME

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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: £180,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £180,000

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

### **Contract No**

8

### **Lot No**

8

### **Title**

Professional Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

26 May 2022

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

Number of tenders received: 11

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

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

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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: £500,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £500,000

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

### **Contract No**

9

### **Lot No**

9

### **Title**

Technology and Creative

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

26 May 2022

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

Number of tenders received: 11

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

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

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The contractor is an SME

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

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Internet address

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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: £500,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £500,000

## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored in line with PGN 01/12. Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave professional misconduct and they may be issued with a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance and the contract may be terminated. The issue of a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance will result in the contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions being undertaken by Centres of Procurement Expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement Policy for a period of twelve months from the date of issue of the notice

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

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

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended.

N/A

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD complied with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and incorporated a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract was communicated to tenderers. That notification provided full information on the award decision. This provided time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract was entered into.