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Tender

Energy Performance of Buildings (EPoP) Accreditation Schemes Audit

Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

Fry Building

2 Marsham Street, London

SW1P 4DF

Contact

SGB-Procurement

Email

SGB-Proc@levellingup.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-levelling-up-housing-and-communities>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-levelling-up-housing-and-communities>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://atamis-5407.lightning.force.com/lightning/page/home>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://atamis-5407.lightning.force.com/lightning/page/home>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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

Energy Performance of Buildings (EPoP) Accreditation Schemes Audit

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79212000 - Auditing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This project relates to a requirement for assurance services in relation to the energy assessor industry's compliance to the required standards. DLUHC expects this assurance service to be provided, in part, by regular independent audits.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £400,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79212300 - Statutory audit services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This project relates to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (the Department) expected requirement for assurance services in relation to the energy assessor industry's compliance to the required standards. The Department expects this assurance service to be provided, in part, by regular independent audits of all aspects of Accreditation Scheme (Schemes) operations.

The purpose of Schemes is to ensure that energy assessments carried out by their members and their recommendations are cost-effective and of high-quality, accurate and consistent. Schemes are therefore, regularly audited by independent auditors to ensure that they comply with Scheme Operating Requirements (SORs) and the Secretary of State's letter of Approval. The SORs sets out the minimum operating standards for Schemes. There are currently six approved Schemes operating different strands of the EPBRs. All Schemes are required to comply with the SORs, which includes minimum operating standards in relation to quality assurance, the audit approach that must be adopted and the profomas used for reporting outcomes to DLUHC, covering Domestic Energy Assessor (DEAs); Non-Domestic Energy Assessor (NDEAs) level 3 and level 4; NDEA level 5; On Construction Domestic Energy Assessor (OCDEAs); Display Energy Certificates (DECs) and Air Conditioning Inspection Report (ACIRs).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £400,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

As set out in the Invitation to Tender

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

As set out in the Invitation to Tender

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

As set out in the Invitation to Tender

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

As set out in the Invitation to Tender.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

As set out in the Invitation to Tender.

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

As set out in the Invitation to Tender

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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

11 June 2024

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

11 June 2024

Local time

12:00pm

Place

As set out in the Invitation to Tender

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

As set out in the Invitation to Tender

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

DLUHC will incorporate a minimum 10 day calendar standstill period at the point of information on the award of the contract is communicated to Tenderers. Tenderers who are unsuccessful shall be informed by DLUHC as soon as possible after the decision has been made as to the reasons why the Tenderer was unsuccessful.

If an appeal regarding the award of the contract has not been successfully resolved, the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or at risk of harm by breach of the rules to take legal action. Any such action must be brought within the applicable limitation period. Where a contract has been entered into, the Court may order the setting aside of the award decision or the order for any document to be amended. The purpose of the standstill period referred to above is to allow the parties to apply to the Courts to review the award decision before the contract is entered into.