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Contract

## **YPO - 001127 Internal Audit, External Audit, Assurance, and Counter Fraud Services**

YPO

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

YPO

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKE45 - Wakefield

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.ypo.co.uk/>

Buyer's address

<http://www.ypo.co.uk/>

**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**

YPO - 001127 Internal Audit, External Audit, Assurance, and Counter Fraud Services

Reference number

001127

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79212000 - Auditing services

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

Services

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

Framework Agreement for the provision of Internal Audit, External Audit, Assurance, and Counter Fraud Investigation Services. The Framework is designed to meet the needs of all public sector organisations which includes YPO's internal requirements.

### **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: £50,000,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

External Audit

Lot No

1

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

- 79212100 - Financial auditing services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The provision of an external audit service to determine if a Contracting Authority's financial

statements:

i) are a true and fair reflection of their financial affairs and are, as a whole, free of

misstatement,

ii) have been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework, and

iii) assess that the Contracting Authority's ability to continue as a going concern and whether the use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60%

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability / Weighting: 20%

Price - Weighting: 20%

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Framework Agreement will cover the period from 08/05/2024 to 07/05/2026 with two options to extend for 12 months each (subject to an annual review, incorporating price amendments in line with Consumer Price Index or as advised by CIPFA and KPI performance).

The first decision to extend the contract period will take place on 1st March 2025 and will be

dependent on satisfactory completion of all aspects of the contract to date, the current market conditions for this category and YPO's contracting structures. The maximum contract period will therefore be 4 years, from 08/05/2024 to 07/05/2028 (subject to an annual review, incorporating price negotiations and KPI performance).

### **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**

Internal Audit and Assurance

Lot No

2

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

- 79212200 - Internal audit services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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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**

Counter Fraud Investigation Services

Lot No

3

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

- 79212400 - Fraud audit services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

For both proactive and reactive counter fraud investigation services. Providers must be able

to evaluate Contracting Authorities' risk of fraud and suggest improvements where

necessary, and also be able to mitigate active fraud scenarios where the Contracting Authority has become a victim of fraud.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60%

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability / Weighting: 20%

Price - Weighting: 20%

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Framework Agreement will cover the period from 08/05/2024 to 07/05/2026 with two options to extend for 12 months each (subject to an annual review, incorporating price amendments in line with Consumer Price Index or as advised by CIPFA and KPI performance).

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### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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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: [2022/S 000-009187](#)

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

### **Contract No**

001127

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

External Audit

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**

001127

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

Internal Audit and Assurance

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

26 April 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 9

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

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

AZETS TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS LIMITED

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

BDO LLP

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Devon Audit Partnership

Ivybridge

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK4 - Devon

The contractor is an SME

No

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

HW CONTROLS & ASSURANCE LIMITED

Burntwood

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG2 - Shropshire and Staffordshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

NEUVEN CONSULT LIMITED

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

SECRETARIAT PARTNERS UK LLP

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

VERITAU LTD

York

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE21 - York

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

WYLIE & BISSET LLP

Glasgow

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £50,000,000

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

#### **Contract No**

001127

#### **Lot No**

3

#### **Title**

Counter Fraud Investigation Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

26 April 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 7

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

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

BDO LLP

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

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

NEUVEN CONSULT LIMITED

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD33 - Manchester

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

SECRETARIAT PARTNERS UK LLP

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust T/A SAFE - Security and Fraud Experts

Dorset

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK25 - Dorset

The contractor is an SME

No

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

VERITAU LTD

York

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE21 - York

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £50,000,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

YPO are purchasing on the behalf of other contracting authorities. Please see the below link

for details: <https://www.ypo.co.uk/about/customers/permmissible-users> .

YPO will incorporate a standstill period at the point of notification of the award of the contract

is provided to all bidders. The standstill period will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, and

provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract

is entered into. The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).

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

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

High Court of England and Wales

London

Country

United Kingdom