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Planning

Port of Dover - External Audit Services

Dover Harbour Board

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Scope

Description

The legal duties, powers and obligations of the Board are derived from national legislation, its own acts of Parliament and a variety of statutory instruments relating to the operation of ports. The business does not have shareholders. Nevertheless, the Board is accountable to its stakeholders for the performance of its duties and it encourages regular dialogue with its different groups of them in the furtherance of its objectives. The DHB group currently comprises Dover Harbour Board, Port of Dover Cargo Limited (10333520), Core Operational and Services Team Limited (11209566), Dover Developments Limited (09206042), Dover Waterfront Limited (09437228) (dormant) and Port of Dover Limited (07087839) (dormant). All subsidiary companies are 100% owned.

DHB wishes to appoint a service provider to deliver external audit services to DHB which will include:

1. Provide an independent opinion on the financial statements of DHB and its subsidiaries and to report their opinion to the Secretary of State for Transport and to the Board members;
2. Provide an independent opinion on whether, in their opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Board and that the results comply

with Section 42 of the Harbours Act 1964 (as amended);

3. Provide an independent opinion on whether the financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation of the financial statements is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice);

4. Provide reports to senior management and the DHB Audit and Risk Committee. This requirement includes attendance and presentation of reports and findings at Committee meetings.

Total value (estimated)

- £0 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2030
- Possible extension to 31 August 2032
- 6 years

Description of possible extension:

1+1 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79210000 - Accounting and auditing services
 - 79211000 - Accounting services
 - 79212000 - Auditing services
 - 79212100 - Financial auditing services
 - 79212300 - Statutory audit services
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Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

16 March 2026

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

10 April 2026, 11:59pm

Submission address and any special instructions

The tender will be administered through our Procurement Portal, available for registration here: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/portofdover.aspx/Home>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

No

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

7 July 2026

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Contracting authority

Dover Harbour Board

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBWQ-3165-XGNL

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United Kingdom

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Region: UKJ44 - East Kent

Organisation type: Private utility