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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

I.3) Communication

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

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Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

ID 4600551 - DoF - Framework Agreement for the Provision of Independent Assurance Reviewer for GovAssure

Reference number

ID 4600551

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Department of Finance, for itself and on behalf of other public sector organisations in Northern Ireland, wishes to establish a Framework Agreement for the provision of Independent Assessor(s) for GovAssure, providing independent verification for Services, Systems and Applications supporting the Buyer(s) business operations on a Call-Off Contract basis. The selected Supplier(s) will enter into a framework agreement to provide the Services to the Buyer(s) if and when required on a call-off basis in accordance with the terms of this Framework Agreement. The Framework Agreement will be for an initial period of 2 years, with options to extend for two further periods of one year and one year (1year +1 year). For further information please refer to Document entitled "ID 4600551 - Framework Specification".

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,200,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services
- 72590000 - Computer-related professional services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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: £1,200,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Framework Agreement will be for an initial period of 2 years, with options to extend for two further periods of one year each (1year +1 year).

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Framework Agreement will be for an initial period of 2 years, with options to extend for two further periods of one year each (1year +1 year).

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.2.14) Additional information

The figure indicated in Section II 1.5 represents an estimated Framework value. This value reflects the potential scale of the Framework and takes into account potential optional extension periods as detailed in the tender documents. This figure does not however take into account the application of indexation or increases to charges due to increases in the Real Living Wage. Neither CPD nor the Authority can provide any guarantee as to the level of business under this Framework . The Contracting Authority does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. Economic Operators remain responsible for all costs and expenses incurred by them or by any third party acting under instructions from the Economic Operator in connection with taking part in this procurement process regardless of whether such costs arise as a consequence, directly or indirectly of any amendments made to the procurement documents by the Contracting Authority at any time. No legally binding contract shall arise (and an Economic Operator shall. have no legitimate expectation that a contract will be entered into) until such time as entry into the Framework has been confirmed by the. Contracting Authority. Economic Operators should note that all dates, time periods and figures in relation to values and volumes specified. in this notice and the procurement documents are approximate only and the Contracting Authority reserves the right to change any or all of them.

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 4

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

27 June 2024

Local time

3:00pm

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

Tender must be valid until: 26 September 2024

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

28 June 2024

Local time

3:30pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: This Framework will potentially be due to be re-procured after the Framework Initial period has concluded or any subsequent extension periods.

VI.3) Additional information

Framework monitoring: the successful Supplier(s) performance on the Framework Agreement will be regularly monitored. Supplier(s) not delivering on Call-Off and Framework requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a Supplier(s) fails to reach satisfactory levels of Call-Off contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of Call-Off contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in construction and procurement delivery (CPD) for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, this may be considered grounds for termination of the Suppliers Place on the Framework Agreement at your expense as provided for in the Conditions of Contract. In lieu of termination, CPD may issue a Notice of Written Warning or a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance. A supplier in receipt of multiple Notices of Written Warning or a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance may, in accordance with The

Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended), be excluded from future public procurement competitions for a period of up to three years. The Framework Agreement is being let by the Department of Finance on behalf of any listed public sector organisations requiring services in Northern Ireland including:- Government Departments; Agencies; Non-departmental Public Bodies; or other Contracting Authority (including subsidised bodies or other grant recipients). A list of organisations is included in the tender documents. This framework Agreement will be used to progress the Government's wider social, economic and environmental objectives

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.

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VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and, where appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of Framework is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. This provides time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the Framework is entered into.