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Planning

## **Audit of the Data Communications Company (DCC)**

Ofgem

F01: Prior information notice

Reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

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

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

Ofgem

10 South Colonnade, Canary Wharf

London

E14 4PU

#### **Email**

[procurement2@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:procurement2@ofgem.gov.uk)

#### **Telephone**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

## **NUTS code**

UKI - London

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10021](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10021)

## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

## **I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[www.mytenders.co.uk](http://www.mytenders.co.uk)

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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**

Audit of the Data Communications Company (DCC)

Reference number

2024-082

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

- 79212000 - Auditing services

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

Services

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

Under the Operational Performance Regime (OPR) contract management incentive, the auditor assesses the DCC's management of its contracts. The auditor is tasked with using the scope listed in the most up to date version OPR Guidance document to assess DCC's contract management performance against the National Auditing Office (NAO) Framework.

Main tasks:

\*Assessment of DCC's commercial activity over the course of the Regulatory Year.

\*The auditor will provide a score of DCC's performance using the NAO Framework. Ofgem will use these scores to determine the final score to be awarded to DCC.

The audit will run on an annual basis and have four main stages:

\*Evaluation stage – This will run for around six weeks where the auditor will carry out an assessment of DCC's commercial activity in the Regulatory Year. The auditor will provide DCC with an interim report which will contain a score and rationale against each supporting question against the NAO Framework.

\*Reporting - The auditor will provide a draft report to the Authority which will include DCC's level of attainment against the NAO Framework. The Authority may ask for iteration of the

report before the final version is produced and shared with us.

\*Consultation stage – The Authority will publish a summary of report findings and consult on this – no further action is required from the Consultant at this stage.

\*Decision – The Authority will consider the responses from stakeholders on the consultation and determine DCC's retained margin. We may ask the Consultants for further clarification around the scores during this stage.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £800,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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Scope of work is subject to change

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

1 year with the option to extend for up to 3 x 12-month periods

## **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**

Scope and dates subject to change

## **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

31 July 2024

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## **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

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **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.2.5) Scheduled date for start of award procedures**

5 September 2024

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

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

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

Public Procurement Review Service

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London

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