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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

Telephone

+44 2079017000

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

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

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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

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

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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

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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

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

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

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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https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=232072.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>