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Contract

ID 5114709 UREGNI - Provision of Internal Audit Services

Utility Regulator

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-044e6a

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Utility Regulator

Queens House 14 Queen Street

BELFAST

BT1 6ED

Email

info@uregni.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<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 5114709 UREGNI - Provision of Internal Audit Services

Reference number

ID 5114709

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79212000 - Auditing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation is a non-ministerial government department responsible for regulating the electricity, gas, water and sewerage industries in Northern Ireland. In doing so, we promote short and long-term interests of energy and water consumers. We are accountable to the Northern Ireland Assembly through financial and annual reporting obligations. The purpose of this Contract is to secure the provision of internal audit services defined as “an independent, objective assurance and consulting activity.” This is in accordance with the responsibilities, standards and ethics laid down by

the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS). Please see ID 5114709 Specification document for further information.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 79212200 - Internal audit services
- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal 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

Quality criterion - Name: AC1 Head of Internal Audit Experience / Weighting: 18

Quality criterion - Name: AC2 Proposed Team Experience / Weighting: 18

Quality criterion - Name: AC3 Proposed Methodology / Weighting: 7.8

Quality criterion - Name: AC4 Contract Management / Weighting: 6

Quality criterion - Name: AC5 Social Value / Weighting: 10.2

Cost criterion - Name: AC6 Blended Daily Rate / Weighting: 40

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

There are 2 optional extension periods of up to 1 year each.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

1

Title

Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 May 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

SCC Chartered Accountants

17 College Street, Armagh

Armagh

BT61 9BT

Email

sean.cavanagh@scc-ca.com

Telephone

+44 2887755880

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

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

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £200,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £200,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored.. Contractors not delivering on contract requirements. is a serious matter It means the public. purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of. contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified. time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of 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 contract 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.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures in public procurement competitions. 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.

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Contracting Authority complied with the requirements of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and incorporated a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract was communicated to all Economic Operators. That notification provided full information on the award decision.. .