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## **Provision of Audit Services**

Wales & West Utilities Ltd

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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### **Section I: Contracting entity**

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

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NEWPORT

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKL - Wales

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

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**I.6) Main activity**

Production, transport and distribution of gas and heat

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Provision of Audit Services

Reference number

WWU1184

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

- 79212000 - Auditing services

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

Services

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

The Board of WWGN Holdings (UK) Limited has decided to invite a number of audit firms to propose for:

financial audit, taxation compliance and other related services; and

internal audit services.

WWU are looking to award a 3 year contract with the option to extend for up to 2 years (1+1).

WWU would like to invite expressions of interest based on the Lots specified and for interested suppliers to answer a Pass/Fail question based on experience.

Please note no further qualification or tender information will be published until the expression of interest period has closed.

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 1

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

LOT ONE - External Audit

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79212100 - Financial auditing services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The WWU group of companies are required to prepare and file statutory Audited Financial Statements annually as at 31 March. In addition, WWU is required to prepare Consolidated Regulatory Accounts for the Regulator, Ofgem together with a number of other returns which are subject to 'Agreed Upon Procedures' performed by the statutory auditors. Several of the companies are also required to prepare Interim Financial Statements. This is a requirement of the Investors in the group.

WWU Finance plc has listed bonds in issue on the London Stock Exchange. Further issues are expected and as such experience in Capital Markets Transactions is required.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

72

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Further information will be provided in the tender documentation

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

LOT TWO - Internal Audit

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79212200 - Internal audit services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Whilst WWU has an insourced internal audit function, outsourced internal audit services are also required for reasons such as requiring a specific expertise or supporting with resource capacity. It is anticipated that a minimum of five audits will be outsourced per annum, one of which for example is in respect of Special Standard Condition D10 - Connections Procedures - of WWU's Gas Transporters License.

In addition to the five audits, other assurance work (e.g. support with data analytics activity on in-house audits) may be required on an ad-hoc basis.

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

Please note this sourcing event will be run via our e-sourcing procurement portal - Bravo Solution.

[www.sourcing4wwu.bravosolution.co.uk](http://www.sourcing4wwu.bravosolution.co.uk)

Suppliers are required to be registered on WWU's Bravo portal to allow participation in this sourcing event.

Please note that there is a Pass/Fail question running in tandem with the OJEU notice.

#### **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.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation**

List and brief description of rules and criteria

If required details will be provided in the tender documentation

**III.1.6) Deposits and guarantees required**

If required details will be provided in the tender documentation

**III.1.7) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them**

If required details will be provided in the tender documentation

**III.1.8) Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded**

If required details will be provided in the tender documentation

## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

#### **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

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

24 August 2021

Local time

10:00am

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: 5 years

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

Participants wanting to participate in this sourcing activity must request access to the tender documents by e-mailing [gemma.deverill@wwutilities.co.uk](mailto:gemma.deverill@wwutilities.co.uk) before the deadline of 24th

August 2021 10:00.

Please include the following information in your email:

- 1) Full company name;
- 2) Main contact details (name, job title, email address, and telephone numbers).

Please note the the tender will be run via our procurement portal Bravo which requires suppliers to be registered to participate, failure to register will result in the supplier not being able to participate in the sourcing event.

The Pass/Fail question in relation to this EOI will be accessible via our electronic sourcing portal and an email will be sent containing the link to the system.

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

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

Wales & West Utilities

Newport

Country

United Kingdom