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Tender

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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NUTS code

UKL - Wales

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.wwutilities.co.uk

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

I.6) Main activity

Production, transport and distribution of gas and heat

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

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

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 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