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Tender

ID 4634554 - DfE - Advertising and Related Services

Department for the Economy NI

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03dcb7

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

7 August 2023, 3:00pm

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for the Economy NI

39-49 Adelaide Street

BELFAST

BT2 8FD

Email

ssdadmin.cpd@finance-ni.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.3) Communication

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

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

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

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 4634554 - DfE - Advertising and Related Services

Reference number

ID 4634554

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79341000 - Advertising services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Department for the Economy (DfE) wishes to appoint a Contractor to provide advertising and related services to deliver a range of advertising campaigns. The requirement consists of a series of campaigns all running to promote a number of the Department's programmes and initiatives. No guarantee can be given as to the level and value of work to be placed throughout the lifetime of this contract. Full details of requirements are set out in the Specification document (ID 4634554 – Specification).

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £4,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79340000 - Advertising and marketing services

- 79341400 - Advertising campaign services
- 79341200 - Advertising management 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 - Strategic Solution / Weighting: 17.5

Quality criterion - Name: AC2 - Media Strategy, Rationale and Media Plan / Weighting: 14

Quality criterion - Name: AC3 - Proposals for Research and Evaluation / Weighting: 3.5

Quality criterion - Name: AC4 - Creative Proposal / Weighting: 21

Quality criterion - Name: AC5 - Key Personnel Experience / Weighting: 3.5

Quality criterion - Name: AC6 - Social Value / Weighting: 10.5

Cost criterion - Name: AC7 - Total Campaign Delivery Cost / Weighting: 20

Cost criterion - Name: AC8 - Average Hourly Rate / Weighting: 10

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £4,000,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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

The estimated total contract value in ii.2.6 is a maximum estimated figure for the entire period of the contract. There is no guarantee of work or spend given. Options will align with budgets which are subject to confirmation and approval by the Department and are not guaranteed.

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

As per Tender documentation.

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

Originally published as:

Date

31 July 2023

Local time

3:00pm

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Date

7 August 2023

Local time

3:00pm

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

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the

tender

Tender must be valid until: 29 October 2023

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

31 July 2023

Local time

3:30pm

Section VI. Complementary information**VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

The successful Contractor's performance on this Contract will be managed as per the specification and 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. The Authority expressly reserves the rights: (I) not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; (II) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering Competition; (III) to award a contract in respect of any part of the services covered by this notice; and (IV) to award contract(s) in stages. In no circumstances will the Authority be liable for any costs incurred by candidates. This project will be used to progress the Government's wider social, economic and environmental objectives.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. 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

CPD will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and, where appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. This provides time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.