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Opportunity

P-1872 Provision of Internal Audit Services, including Head of Internal Audit

Translink

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Translink

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Country

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NUTS 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 to the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

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I.6) Main activity

Urban railway, tramway, trolleybus or bus services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

P-1872 Provision of Internal Audit Services, including Head of Internal Audit

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The following is provided in good faith and is intended only as a preliminary background explanation to Translink's requirement, it does not purport to be all inclusive. Translink is seeking to appoint a suitably qualified and experienced organisation to undertake Internal Audit Services including nomination of a fully qualified individual who will fulfil the role of Head of Internal Audit, reporting to the Board Audit and Risk Committee. The anticipated start date is March-April 2022 however dates may be subject to change. Translink reserves the right to accept part of any Tender from one or any number of Tenderers and may change the contracting strategy at any time.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £2,800,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79211000 - Accounting services
- 79210000 - Accounting and auditing services
- 79212200 - Internal audit services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKNO - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £2,800,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Options included to extend the contract at the end of the initial term. Options available are:

1st option for a further period of 1 year.

2nd option for a further period of 1 year.

3rd option for a further period of 1 year.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

As above, Options included to extend the contract at the end of the initial term. Options available are:

1st option for a further period of 1 year.

2nd option for a further period of 1 year.

3rd option for a further period of 1 year.

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 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

If required this will be set out within the specification of requirements document.

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.2.2) Contract performance conditions

If required this will be listed within the tender document. Information on <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted 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

Date

7 September 2021

Local time

3:00pm

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: 6 December 2021

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: Translink may make a call for competition at the end of the initial 3 year contract period and/or if additional options are

taken (3 additional options, each a period of 1 year). Translink reserves the right to make a call for competition at any point deemed appropriate by Translink and may make no call for competition should the requirement no longer be classified by Translink as recurring.

VI.3) Additional information

Let's work together:.. — follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/TranslinkB2B](https://twitter.com/TranslinkB2B) for opportunities worth 50 000 GBP or more, — check out our website at www.translink.co.uk/Corporate/Procurement/. — participate in tenders at <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>. For assistance using eTendersNI and registering your organisation please contact the helpdesk whose number is located on the eTendersNI contact us page.. Note: Do not leave completing your PQQ/ITT response until the last minute, late responses shall be rejected.. The Contracting Authority reserves the right not to award any contract as a result of this competition.. About the Translink Group: throughout the documentation, both 'Translink' and 'Group' refer to the same corporate entities. Both shall be taken to comprise the Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company (NITHC) in addition to its main operating subsidiaries Citybus Ltd, Northern Ireland Railways Company Ltd and Ulsterbus Ltd.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Please see VI.4.3

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: Translink will incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into. The Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).

