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Planning

A Multi Provider Framework Agreement for the provision of Pensions Administration Software Primarily in Support of the Local Government Pension Scheme

Norfolk County Council (as Administering Authority of the Norfolk Pension Fund)

Cheshire West and Chester Council (as Administering Authority for Cheshire Pension Fund)

Kent County Council

Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (as Administering Authority of the Greater Manchester Pension Fund)

Essex County Council (As Administering Authority of the Essex Pension Fund)

City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (as Administering Authority of the West Yorkshire Pension Fund)

Name: Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee

City of Wolverhampton (as Administering Authority of the West Midlands Pension Fund)

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.norfolk.gov.uk

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc>

I.1) Name and addresses

Cheshire West and Chester Council (as Administering Authority for Cheshire Pension Fund)

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD63 - Cheshire West and Chester

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.cheshirepensionfund.org

I.1) Name and addresses

Kent County Council

Maidstone

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pensions@kent.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ4 - Kent

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.kentpensionfund.co.uk

I.1) Name and addresses

Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (as Administering Authority of the Greater Manchester Pension Fund)

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.gmpf.org.uk

I.1) Name and addresses

Essex County Council (As Administering Authority of the Essex Pension Fund)

Chelmsford

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH3 - Essex

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.essexpensionfund.co.uk

I.1) Name and addresses

City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (as Administering Authority of the West Yorkshire Pension Fund)

Bradford

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pensions@wypf.org.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKE41 - Bradford

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.wypf.org.uk

I.1) Name and addresses

Name: Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee

Belfast

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN06 - Belfast

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.nilgosc.org.uk

I.1) Name and addresses

City of Wolverhampton (as Administering Authority of the West Midlands Pension Fund)

Wolverhampton

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United Kingdom

Region code

UKG39 - Wolverhampton

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.wmpfonline.com

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

I.3) Communication

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

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

A Multi Provider Framework Agreement for the provision of Pensions Administration Software Primarily in Support of the Local Government Pension Scheme

Reference number

NCCT42948

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 66523100 - Pension fund administration services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Norfolk County Council, on its own behalf and on behalf of the Cheshire West and Chester Council (as Administering Authority for Cheshire Pension Fund), Kent County Council, Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (as Administering Authority of the Greater Manchester Pension Fund), Essex County Council (As Administering Authority of the Essex Pension Fund), City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (as Administering Authority of the West Yorkshire Pension Fund), Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee and City of Wolverhampton (as Administering Authority of the West Midlands Pension Fund) wish to let a multi provider, framework agreement for the provision of Pension Administration Software primarily in support of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS). The Framework will be for a period of 4 years. However, it may be agreed that call offs may be for an extended period.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description**II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 66523100 - Pension fund administration services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

In order to administer the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) a number of funds require pension administration software to provide benefit entitlement calculations and payments in compliance with relevant LGPS Regulations.

Optional additional requirements may include, payroll, provision of an online self service facility for pension scheme members (including current employees, members with deferred benefits and those already in receipt of pension benefits). The system may also be required to provide an on-line portal for use by the various employer organisations participating in the pension scheme.

The Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) is one of the largest defined benefit (DB) schemes in the world. As at 31 March 2023 the total membership of the Scheme in England and Wales was 6.49 million, spread across around 13,802 employers, and the total funds held stood at around £354billion . In the Northern Ireland LGPS at 31 March 2023, scheme membership was 160,929, spread across over 169 employers, and total funds held stood at around £9.530 billion . In the Scottish LGPS at 31 March 2022m, scheme membership was 637,044 and total funds held stood at around £61bn.

II.2.14) Additional information

This framework may also be used by:

- any LGPS administering authorities as defined in the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 (SI 2013/2356) (as amended) including the Firefighters' Pension Scheme and Police Pension Schemes and any of their participating employing authorities, or in relation to the LGPS in Scotland, any administering authority and any of their scheme employers as defined in the Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/141) (as amended),
- NILGOSC in Northern Ireland and employing authorities as defined in the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 (SRNI 2014/188) (as amended),
- the Board of the Pension Protection Fund <http://www.pensionprotectionfund.org.uk>),
- any other administering authority or scheme manager of a public-sector pension scheme or any public-sector body that requires pensions related services, and
- any LGPS Fund(s) or groups of funds, or any bodies, organisations or companies established by them for the purpose of operating on a collective basis.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

25 November 2024

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This procurement will be managed electronically via Norfolk County Council's e-procurement system. To participate in this procurement, applicants must first be registered on the system at <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc>. Full instructions for registration and use of the system can be found at <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc/asp/BUYERPROFILES>.

Once registered you will be able to see the procurement project under the 'tenders' section and 'express an interest' to view the documentation. If you encounter any difficulties whilst

using the system you can contact the In-tend support team by phoning +44 8442728810 or

e-mailing support@in-tend.co.uk.

Please note there are no documents available to view.