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Contract

DfE - Invest NI - Appointment of Tax Advisors to Invest NI and it's Subsidiary Companies

Invest NI

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-019449

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0457ec

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Invest NI

Bedford Square, 1 Bedford Street

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Contact

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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.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

DfE - Invest NI - Appointment of Tax Advisors to Invest NI and it's Subsidiary Companies

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79221000 - Tax consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

DfE - Invest NI - Appointment of Tax Advisors to Invest NI and it's Subsidiary Companies
Invest NI now wishes to appoint tax advisors (herein referred to as “the Contractor”) to prepare and submit annual Corporation Tax returns for Invest NI and two subsidiaries, BSDL and MRDE as required. In addition, the Contractor shall provide ad-hoc advice on other tax issues for the Invest NI group as and when needed throughout the contract period.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79222000 - Tax-return preparation services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: As per the Tender documents / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: As per the Tender documents / Weighting: 40

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

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

1

Title

Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 June 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

ASM B LTD

Glendinning House

BELFAST

BT1 6DN

Email

michael.williamson@asmbelfast.com

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

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

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £200,000

Section VI. Complementary information

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.

Not applicable in the UK

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD complied with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and incorporated a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract was communicated to tenderers. That notification provided full information on the award decision. This provided time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract was entered into