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Tender

## **External Audit Services**

Connexus Homes Limited  
Rise Partnership Developments Limited  
Floreat Living Limited  
Connexus Enterprise Limited  
Herefordshire Capital plc

F02: Contract notice

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**11 October 2021, 12:00pm**

See the [change notice](#).

## **Section I: Contracting authority**

### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA7601](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA7601)

**I.1) Name and addresses**

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**I.1) Name and addresses**

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**I.1) Name and addresses**

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Main address

<https://connexus-group.co.uk>

## **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://www.mytenders.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.mytenders.co.uk>

## **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Other type

Housing Association

## **I.5) Main activity**

Housing and community amenities

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

External Audit Services

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79212000 - Auditing services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Provision of External Audit Services for Connexus Homes Limited and its subsidiaries.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £250,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79212100 - Financial auditing services
- 79210000 - Accounting and auditing services
- 79212300 - Statutory audit services
- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

Main site or place of performance

Shropshire and Herefordshire

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The aim of this tender is to appoint a single organisation that can provide external audit services for Connexus Homes Limited (the parent) and its subsidiaries as follows;

One design and build company

A Property Company

A “for profit” maintenance company

One treasury vehicle

One Annual audit and one interim audit and associated support and advice will be required for all companies, as well as attendance at Connexus' Audit and Risk Committee and Connexus Homes Limited Board meetings as 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

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract will run for an initial period of three years with the option to extend for a further two years based on satisfactory performance reviews.

#### **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 proposed start date of this contract is 1st January 2022; Connexus will require services from this date.

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria

In accordance with Regulations 58-60 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as set out in the ITT.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

In accordance with Regulations 58-60 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as set out in the ITT.

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria

In accordance with Regulations 58-60 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as set out in the ITT.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

In accordance with Regulations 58-60 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as set out in the ITT.

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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## **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

4 October 2021

Local time

12:00pm

Changed to:

Date

11 October 2021

Local time

12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

#### **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**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

4 October 2021

Local time

12:00pm

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

As per Connexus' Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

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### **Section VI. Complementary information**

#### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

#### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

#### **VI.3) Additional information**

The lead contracting authority Connexus Homes Limited will enter into a contract with the successful bidder. We reserve the right for other members of the Connexus Group as detailed in I.1 or future members to make use of this contract.

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[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=223808](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=223808).

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## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Public Procurement Review Service

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### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Royal Courts of Justice

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### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The contracting Authority will incorporate a minimum ten calendar day standstill period at the point of information on the award of the Contract(s) to be awarded at conclusion of the procurement exercise begun by publication of the contract notice is communicated to tenderers. The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provides for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or at risk of harm by breach of those regulations to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Generally, any such action must be brought within thirty days from the date the aggrieved party knew or ought to have known about the alleged breach. Where the contract(s) have not been entered into the court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order the contracting authority to amend any document and may award damages. If the contract(s) have been entered into the court may only award damages or where the award procedures have not been followed correctly may in certain circumstances declare the contract to be 'ineffective'.

### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

The Cabinet Office

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