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Financial Audit Services

Northern Ireland Audit Office

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address(es)

Main address

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Buyer's address

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I.3) Communication

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

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Economic and financial affairs

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Financial Audit Services

Reference number

INT-RQ01

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79212300 - Statutory audit services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Comptroller and Auditor General (through NIAO) is responsible for the financial audit of Northern Ireland public sector bodies. His work also includes Value For Money studies. NIAO contracts out roughly 30% of its work to external providers. NIAO wishes to procure external financial audit services for public bodies in central government and the health sector.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,700,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots
5

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Sector 1 (Lot 1)- Central Government

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services
- 79212000 - Auditing services
- 79210000 - Accounting and auditing services
- 79212100 - Financial auditing services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Throughout Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of statutory external financial audit services to central government and arms length bodies in Northern Ireland.

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: £207,000

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

Duration in months

57

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Authority may, in its absolute discretion, choose to extend the Initial Term of this Contract by such period as is necessary to ensure that the terms of this Contract continue to apply where the Contractor has not completed provision of the Services by the expiry of the Initial Term.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

At its sole discretion, the Authority may elect to exercise the option for Additional Services as specified in the Contract.

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 Central Government Sector comprises 8 (Eight) Central Government public bodies with 8 (Eight) accounts. The Authority is seeking to allocate these bodies over 2 (Two) Lots.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Sector 1 (Lot 2)- Central Government

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services
- 79212000 - Auditing services
- 79210000 - Accounting and auditing services
- 79212100 - Financial auditing services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Throughout Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of statutory external financial audit services to central government and arms length bodies in NorthernIreland.

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: £270,000

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

Duration in months

57

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Authority may, in its absolute discretion, choose to extend the Initial Term of this Contract by such period as is necessary to ensure that the terms of this Contract continue to apply where the Contractor has not completed provision of the Services by the expiry of the Initial Term.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

At its sole discretion, the Authority may elect to exercise the option for Additional Services as specified in the Contract.

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 Central Government Sector comprises 8 (Eight) Central Government public bodies with 8 (Eight) accounts. The Authority is seeking to allocate these bodies over 2 (Two) Lots.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Sector 2 (Lot 3)- Health Services

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services
- 79212000 - Auditing services
- 79212100 - Financial auditing services
- 79210000 - Accounting and auditing services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Throughout Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of statutory external financial audit services to health service bodies in Northern Ireland.

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: £519,000

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

Duration in months

57

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Authority may, in its absolute discretion, choose to extend the Initial Term of this Contract by such period as is necessary to ensure that the terms of this Contract continue to apply where the Contractor has not completed provision of the Services by the expiry of the Initial Term.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

At its sole discretion, the Authority may elect to exercise the option for Additional Services as specified in the Contract.

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 Health Service Sector comprises 7 (Seven) Health and Social Care ("HSC") public

bodies with a total of 13 (Thirteen) accounts. The Authority is seeking to allocate these bodies over 3 (Three) Lots. Lot 3 comprises 2 (Two) HSC public bodies with 4 (Four) accounts.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Sector 2 (Lot 4)- Health Services

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services
- 79212000 - Auditing services
- 79212100 - Financial auditing services
- 79210000 - Accounting and auditing services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Throughout Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of statutory external financial audit services to health service bodies in Northern Ireland.

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: £351,000

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

Duration in months

57

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Authority may, in its absolute discretion, choose to extend the Initial Term of this Contract by such period as is necessary to ensure that the terms of this Contract continue to apply where the Contractor has not completed provision of the Services by the expiry of the Initial Term.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

At its sole discretion, the Authority may elect to exercise the option for Additional Services as specified in the Contract.

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 Health Service Sector comprises 7 (Seven) Health and Social Care ("HSC") public bodies with a total of 13 (Thirteen) accounts. The Authority is seeking to allocate these bodies over 3 (Three) Lots. Lot 4 comprises 2 (Two) HSC public bodies with 4 (Four) accounts.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Sector 2 (Lot 5)- Health Services

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services
- 79212000 - Auditing services
- 79212100 - Financial auditing services
- 79210000 - Accounting and auditing services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Throughout Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of statutory external financial audit services to health service bodies in Northern Ireland.

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: £385,000

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

Duration in months

57

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Authority may, in its absolute discretion, choose to extend the Initial Term of this Contract by such period as is necessary to ensure that the terms of this Contract continue to apply where the Contractor has not completed provision of the Services by the expiry of the Initial Term.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

At its sole discretion, the Authority may elect to exercise the option for Additional Services as specified in the Contract.

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 Health Service Sector comprises 7 (Seven) Health and Social Care ("HSC") public bodies with a total of 13 (Thirteen) accounts. The Authority is seeking to allocate these bodies over 3 (Three) Lots. Lot 5 comprises 3 (Three) HSC public bodies with 5 (Five) accounts.

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

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

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

Date

19 October 2021

Local time

5:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

20 October 2021

Local time

9:00am

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

The Procurement Documents contain information about the notional value of the audits for each body in each Sector. NIAO shall not be liable for any costs, expenses or liabilities incurred by those participating in this tender exercise.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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