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## **DFC 3765198 Strategic Planning Consultancy Services Framework Agreement 2021 (OPEN PROCEDURE)**

CPD - Construction Division

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02e157

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

CPD - Construction Division

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**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/cft/prepareViewCfTWS.do?resourceId=3765198>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps/cft/prepareViewCfTWS.do?resourceId=3765198>

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.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

DFC 3765198 Strategic Planning Consultancy Services Framework Agreement 2021 (OPEN PROCEDURE)

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

- 71541000 - Construction project management services

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

Services

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

This Framework Agreement is for the provision of strategic planning, financial and legal advice in respect of regeneration/housing matters within the remit of the Department for Communities' Housing and Urban Regeneration Group. The Department will utilise the consultancy team's services to carry out:-

- Strategic advice on all aspects of Urban Regeneration/Housing such as Planning, Master Planning, Urban Design, retail Development, property and valuations.
- Evaluation of Proposals
- Ad hoc Planning and Urban Design Advisory Services in relation to high level and strategic matters.

This framework Agreement may be used to progress the Government's wider social, economic and environmental objectives For a complete description of this procurement please refer to the Invitation to Tender (ITT) documents

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

Value excluding VAT: £645,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 71410000 - Urban planning services
- 71311200 - Transport systems consultancy 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**

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: £645,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This Framework Agreement will be awarded for a period of 2 years with the option to extend for a period of two

further individual one year periods. The Framework Agreement may be terminated at any time as deemed necessary by the Contracting

Authority.

**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

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## **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

Refer to the Tender Documents

#### **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**

The Economic Operators' performance on this Contract will be regularly monitored. As.. part of its contract management procedures, the Contracting Authority will use the Protocol for Managing Poor Supplier Performance.. contained in Procurement Guidance Note PGN 01/12 – Contract Management Principles and Procedures:.. <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/publications/procurement-guidance-note-0112-contract-management-principles-and-procedures>. . If an Economic Operator has received.. more than one current Notice of Written Warning or a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance, the Contracting Authority, at its discretion,.. can consider an Economic Operator's exclusion from future procurements, being undertaken on behalf of bodies covered by the.. Northern Ireland Public Procurement Policy (NIPP), for a minimum period of 12 months or 3 years respectively. . . A list of bodies subject.. to Northern Ireland Public Procurement Policy can be viewed at: . <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/articles/list-public-bodies-which-nipublicprocurement-policy-applies>.

#### **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.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

### **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

22 October 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: 19 February 2022

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

Date

22 October 2021

Local time

3:30pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

CPD, in its capacity as a Central Purchasing Body, is managing this procurement procedure on behalf of the Contracting Authority which is. The Department for Communities. . The Contracting Authority expressly reserves the right:. . i. not to award any framework agreement as. a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice or to cancel the procurement at any stage; and. ii. to make. whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition. . and in no circumstances will the Authority be. liable for any costs incurred by Economic Operators or Candidates. Any expenditure, work or effort undertaken prior to contract award is. accordingly at the sole risk of the Economic Operator or Candidate participating in this procurement process.. . No business whatsoever. is guaranteed under any resulting framework agreement or contract indeed there is no guarantee that any framework agreement or. contract will be put in place in relation to this notice. No compensation etc will be paid if a contract or framework agreement is withdrawn. for any reason. Economic Operators should take part in this process only on the basis that they fully understand and accept this position.

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

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

Department of Finance, Construction Procurement Delivery, Procurement Operations Branch

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Belfast

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United Kingdom

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

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

This procurement is governed by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and.. provides for economic operators who have suffered, or who risk suffering, loss, or damage, as a consequence of an alleged breach of.. the duty owed in accordance with Regulation 91 to start proceedings in the High Court.. . A standstill period will commence at the point.. information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide 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.. Any proceedings relating to any perceived non-compliance with the relevant law must be.. stated within 30 days, beginning with the date when the economic operator first knew, or ought to have known that grounds for starting.. the proceedings had arisen. (A court may extend the time limit to 3 months, where the court considers that there is good reason for doing.. so)