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Tender

Audit Substantive Testing Data Automation Tool

National Audit Office

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-048481

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

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Main address

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I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Victoria:-Financial-auditing-services./9679NVEF47>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com>

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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

Audit Substantive Testing Data Automation Tool

Reference number

CPT_23_65

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79212100 - Financial auditing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The National Audit Office (NAO) requires an off the shelf software solution to assist with automating our audit testing and documentation process, covering two use-cases within financial audit:

1.Substantive testing - Test of detail/Test of control automation

Auditors spend a significant amount of time and manual effort conducting tests of detail (ToD) and tests of controls, comparing documents (such as invoices) to samples from the general ledger or other structured records for consistency. We are interested in document automation software to parse images/pdfs of audit evidence and automatically match to tabular data and output this in a manner which is easy to follow and document for the purposes of our audit testing within an excel document.

2.Financial Statement procedures

Auditors are required to check the financial statements. Ensuring that (for example) the sums within the statements are internally consistent/correct. Similar to the use case above we are looking for document automation software that can automate some of this by extracting 'sums' from the document and automatically reconciling them, as well as some other processes detailed in the procurement documents.

The software needs to be ready for use by 1 October 2024. The estimated total value in this notice excludes VAT and is for the duration of the maximum contract term (1+1+1).

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £690,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 79212000 - Auditing services
- 79212100 - Financial auditing services
- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The initial contract term will be a period of 1 year, with the NAO having the option to extend the contract period by two further periods of 12 months, with a maximum term of 3 years. Please refer to the invitation to tender documentation for further information. The estimated contract value in this notice is for the duration of the maximum term.

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: £690,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

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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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-000000](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

28 August 2024

Local time

11:00am

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: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

28 August 2024

Local time

11:00am

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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