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DFE-INVEST NI - TECHNICAL ADVISORY FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

InvestNI

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03627f

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

InvestNI

Bedford Square Bedford Street

BELFAST

BT2 7ES

Email

SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk

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.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

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

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>

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

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

DFE-INVEST NI - TECHNICAL ADVISORY FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

Reference number

ID4397040

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Invest NI wishes to establish a framework of Contractors to undertake Technical Appraisals/Reviews of Research and Development (R and D) projects, when staff resources or specialist sector expertise to undertake a particular exercise are not available within Invest NI. Other Divisions from within Invest NI may, on occasions, use the Framework. The Framework will be divided into 6 Lots/Sectors. A framework list with multiple contractors will be established for each of the Sectors/Lots below: 1. Financial, Business and Professional Services 2. Advanced Manufacturing, Materials and Engineering 3. Agriculture, Food and Drink 4. Software, Digital and Creative Technologies 5. Construction and Materials Handling 6. Life and Health Sciences Tenderers are required to indicate which of the framework sectors they are tendering for. There is no restriction on the number of framework sectors that Tenderers may apply for or be appointed to. Each Lot will be evaluated independently, resulting in separate lists of contractors for each sector. Tenderers should refer to the Specification document for more information.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £800,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots

6

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Financial, Business and Professional Services

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services
- 73210000 - Research consultancy services
- 79413000 - Marketing management consultancy services
- 73110000 - Research services
- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 79411100 - Business development consultancy services
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related 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: Quality / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 30

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £133,000

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

Duration in months

24

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: Yes

Description of options

Initial 2yr framework period with options to extend for a further 2 periods of 12mths each

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Advanced Manufacturing, Materials and Engineering

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services
- 73210000 - Research consultancy services
- 79413000 - Marketing management consultancy services
- 73110000 - Research services
- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Agriculture, Food and Drink

Lot No

3

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Software, Digital and Creative Technologies

Lot No

4

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II.2.1) Title

Construction and Materials Handling

Lot No

5

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II.2.1) Title

Life and Health Sciences

Lot No

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Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 25

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

28 September 2022

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: 27 December 2022

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

28 September 2022

Local time

3:30pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

The successful Contractor's performance on this Contract will be managed as per the specification and regularly monitored . Contractors not delivering on contract..... requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory..... levels of contract performance they will be

given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach.... satisfactory..... levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for further action. If this.. occurs and your performance does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, this can be considered grounds for.. termination of the contract at your expense as provided for in the Conditions of Contract. In lieu of termination, CPD may issue a Notice.. of Written Warning or a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance. A supplier in receipt of multiple Notices of Written Warning or a Notice of.. Unsatisfactory Performance may, in accordance with The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) be excluded from future public.. procurement competitions for a period of up to three years.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures in public procurement competitions. Any challenges are dealt with by the High Court Commercial Division to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the Public Contracts Regulations

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Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and,.... where... appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of.... contract is... communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision.