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## **DFE-INVEST NI - TECHNICAL ADVISORY FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT**

InvestNI

F02: Contract notice

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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](mailto: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

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## **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
- 79411100 - Business development consultancy services
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### **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**

Agriculture, Food and Drink

Lot No

3

### **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**

Software, Digital and Creative Technologies

Lot No

4

### **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
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### **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

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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**

Construction and Materials Handling

Lot No

5

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

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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

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

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### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

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### **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**

Life and Health Sciences

Lot No

6

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

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

NUTS codes

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

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#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

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#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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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

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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 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

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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 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.