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## **Provision of External Assurance Reviews of Local Authorities**

DEPARTMENT FOR LEVELLING UP, HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES

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

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

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKI32 - Westminster

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-levelling-up-housing-and-communities>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/81ac92a4-ce90-40a1-8cf7-3d6b51c194f8>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Provision of External Assurance Reviews of Local Authorities

Reference number

CPD4124050

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

- 79210000 - Accounting and auditing services

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

Services

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

This Pre-Tender Market Engagement (PTME) seeks information in preparation for the potential Provision of External Assurance Reviews of Local Authorities, where a Supplier will coordinate and conduct external assurance reviews of Local Authorities across a range of subject areas that may include governance processes, financial management, financial sustainability, commercial and companies, and procurement and contract management

If you are interested in this potential opportunity, please review the Pre-Tender Market Engagement Document available at:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/81ac92a4-ce90-40a1-8cf7-3d6b51c194f8>

or on request by contacting: [commercialtenders@levellingup.gov.uk](mailto:commercialtenders@levellingup.gov.uk)

You will be required to respond to the questions set out within section 6 of the document by email to [commercialtenders@levellingup.gov.uk](mailto:commercialtenders@levellingup.gov.uk) by no later than 17:00 GMT Monday 19th September (the "Response Deadline").

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 79210000 - Accounting and auditing services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities is responsible for the stewardship of the Local Government Accountability Framework and ensuring the framework

is fit for purpose to enable a sustainable and resilient local government sector that delivers priority services and empowers communities.

In the event of issues, risks and / or failures within individual Local Authorities that are impacting upon and / or preventing the effective and efficient operation of services, the Department may take actions to remediate this and support Local Authorities to address identified issues.

As part of this the Department may seek independent expert analysis of Local Authorities' processes, operations and financial position to provide evidence and information via an

external assurance review. The findings of the reviews can help determine the most appropriate course of action to deliver the most successful outcomes with regards restoring Local Authorities to effective and efficient operations, reducing risk and bolstering their resilience. This is particularly pertinent as Local Authorities continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

15 October 2022

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No