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Invitation to Tender for External Quality Review Services of Financial Audits - Northern Ireland Audit Office

Northern Ireland Audit Office

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Northern Ireland Audit Office

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Contact

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procurement@niauditoffice.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.niauditoffice.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<http://www.niauditoffice.gov.uk>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/intendsharedservices/asp/Home>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Economic and financial affairs

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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Reference number

INT-RQ03

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79212300 - Statutory audit services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Comptroller and Auditor General is an Officer of the Northern Ireland Assembly. She is supported in the delivery of her functions by the Northern Ireland Audit Office (NIAO). Her work includes financial audits of a range of public bodies in Northern Ireland. The Authority continues to have a need to appoint a supplier with the knowledge and expertise to provide an annual external quality review of its financial audits.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £212,500

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services
- 79212000 - Auditing services
- 79210000 - Accounting and auditing services

- 79212100 - Financial auditing services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Completed under hybrid working arrangements with the reviewer visiting NIAO's office in Belfast at the start of the review process.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of External Quality Review Services of Financial Audits in central government in Northern Ireland

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: £212,500

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

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Minimum duration in months is 36. The Authority may, in its absolute discretion, choose to extend the Initial Term of this Contract by 2 further periods of 12 months each.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

At its sole discretion, the Authority may elect to exercise the option for Additional Services or Similar Services as specified in the Contract.

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

This service comprises the External Quality Review of the Financial Audits of a minimum of 3 public bodies each year.

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

The requirements are stated in the SQ, ITT and the Procurement 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

As set out in the Procurement Documents

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: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

30 August 2024

Local time

5:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

30 August 2024

Local time

5:01pm

Place

online opening ceremony using e-procurement system

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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