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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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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-048951

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

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

Northern Ireland Audit Office

Northern Ireland Audit Office 106 University Street

Belfast

BT7 1EU

#### **Contact**

Declan Cooper

#### **Email**

[procurement@niauditoffice.gov.uk](mailto: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.aspx/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

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## **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.

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## **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

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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: 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

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## **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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