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## **Invitation to Tender for Financial Audit Services - 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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#### **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/intendshaderservices.aspx/Home>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/intendshaderservices.aspx/Home>

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**

Invitation to Tender for Financial Audit Services - Northern Ireland Audit Office

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 and value for money audits of a range of public bodies in Northern Ireland. The NIAO contracts out roughly 30 percent of its financial audit work to the private sector.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,640,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Sector 1 – Shared Services – Lot 1 - Business Services Organisation

Lot No

Sector 1 - Lot 1

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

- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services
- 79212000 - Auditing services
- 79212100 - Financial auditing services
- 79210000 - Accounting and auditing services

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Throughout Northern Ireland

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

Provision of the Audit of IT Shared Services 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: £467,500

**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: 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 lot comprises the IT audit of 1 public body. Where an Audit has commenced at any time during the Term but has not yet been completed, the Supplier is required to continue delivering the Services until such Audit is completed and the terms of the Contract shall continue to apply notwithstanding the expiry of the Initial Term or the Extension Period (as applicable).

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Sector 1 – Shared Services – Lot 2 - IT Assist

Lot No

Sector 1 - Lot 2

#### **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

Throughout Northern Ireland

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

Provision of the Audit of IT Shared Services 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: £162,500

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Minimum duration in months: 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**

The lot comprises the IT Audit of 1 public body. Where an Audit has commenced at any time during the Term but has not yet been completed, the Supplier is required to continue delivering the Services until such Audit is completed and the terms of the Contract shall continue to apply notwithstanding the expiry of the Initial Term or the Extension Period (as applicable).

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Sector 2 – Lot 1 – PSNI Pensions Scheme

Lot No

Sector 2 - Lot 1

### **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

Throughout Northern Ireland

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

Description of the procurement Provision of statutory external financial audit services 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: £90,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Minimum duration in months: 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**

The lot comprises 1 public body with 1 account. Where an Audit has commenced at any time during the Term but has not yet been completed, the Supplier is required to continue delivering the Services until such Audit is completed and the terms of the Contract shall continue to apply notwithstanding the expiry of the Initial Term or the Extension Period (as applicable).

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Sector 2 – Lot 2 – Central Government Pensions Schemes

Lot No

Sector 2 - Lot 2

### **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

Throughout Northern Ireland

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

Provision of statutory external financial audit services to 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: £315,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Minimum duration in months: 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**

The lot comprises 3 public bodies with 3 accounts. Where an Audit has commenced at any

time during the Term but has not yet been completed, the Supplier is required to continue delivering the Services until such Audit is completed and the terms of the Contract shall continue to apply notwithstanding the expiry of the Initial Term or the Extension Period (as applicable).

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Sector 2 – Pensions plus NIFRS – Lot 3 - NIFRS

Lot No

Sector 2 - Lot 3

### **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

Throughout Northern Ireland

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

Provision of statutory external financial audit services to an arm's length body, 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: £280,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Minimum duration in months: 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**

The lot comprises 1 public body with 2 accounts. Where an Audit has commenced at any time during the Term but has not yet been completed, the Supplier is required to continue delivering the Services until such Audit is completed and the terms of the Contract shall continue to apply notwithstanding the expiry of the Initial Term or the Extension Period (as applicable).

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Sector 3 – Lot 1 – Local Government

Lot No

Sector 3 - Lot 1

### **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

Throughout Northern Ireland

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

Provision of statutory external financial audit services to a local council 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: £325,000

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

Duration in months

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Minimum duration in months: 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**

The lot comprises 1 public body with 1 account. Where an Audit has commenced at any time during the Term but has not yet been completed, the Supplier is required to continue delivering the Services until such Audit is completed and the terms of the Contract shall continue to apply notwithstanding the expiry of the Initial Term or the Extension Period (as applicable).

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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

9 October 2023

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

10 October 2023

Local time

5:01pm



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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The Procurement Documents contain information about the notional value of the audits for each Audited Body in each Sector. NIAO shall not be liable for any costs, expenses or liabilities incurred by those participating in this tender exercise.

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court of Northern Ireland Belfast

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom