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Tender

T1628 - Framework for the Provision of Agency Workers to the Northern Ireland Housing Executive

Northern Ireland Housing Executive

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Northern Ireland Housing Executive

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

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>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Housing and community amenities

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

T1628 - Framework for the Provision of Agency Workers to the Northern Ireland Housing Executive

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79620000 - Supply services of personnel including temporary staff

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Housing Executive requires Contractor(s) for the provision of Agency Workers as defined by Regulation 3 of the Agency Workers Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011 (AWRs) to provide cover both for ongoing structural change projects as well as business as usual requirements such as cover for internal secondments, sickness absence, maternity leave or additional workload. The Housing Executive intends to establish a Framework Agreement to meet this requirement. The Framework Agreement will be divided into three (3) Lots: • Lot One – Admin and Customer Contact Roles; • Lot Two – Building Trade and Manual Roles; • Lot Three – Technical and Professional Specialist Roles. For Lot One the Housing Executive will award places to a maximum of eight (8) Contractors for the provision of Agency Workers – Admin and Customer Contact Roles. For Lot Two the Housing Executive will award places to a maximum of ten (10) Contractors for the provision of Agency Workers – Building Trade and Manual Roles. For Lot Three the Housing Executive will award places to a maximum of ten (10) Contractors for the provision of Agency Workers – Technical and Professional Specialist Roles. Tenderers may bid for one, two or all Lots.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £55,600,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots

3

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot One - Admin and Customer Contact Roles

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79621000 - Supply services of office personnel
- 79623000 - Supply services of commercial or industrial workers

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

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: £33,200,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Housing Executive can invite the Contractor(s) to agree to extend their place on the Framework Agreement for any period up to and including 24 months commencing from the Initial Contract Period Expiry Date. This offer to extend the Framework Agreement is entirely at the discretion of the Housing Executive.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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 estimated value of this Lot, stated above, has been calculated over the potential four (4) year Framework Agreement period. The estimated value of this Lot per annum is £8.3m.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot Two - Building Trades and Manual Roles

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79621000 - Supply services of office personnel
- 79623000 - Supply services of commercial or industrial workers

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Housing Executive requires Contractor(s) for the provision of Agency Workers as defined by Regulation 3 of the Agency Workers Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011 (AWRs) to provide cover both for ongoing structural change projects as well as business as usual requirements such as cover for internal secondments, sickness absence, maternity leave or additional workload. The Housing Executive intends to establish a Framework Agreement to meet this requirement. The Framework Agreement will be divided into three (3) Lots: • Lot One – Admin and Customer Contact Roles; • Lot Two – Building Trade and Manual Roles; • Lot Three – Technical and Professional Specialist Roles. For Lot One the Housing Executive will award places to a maximum of eight (8) Contractors for the provision of Agency Workers – Admin and Customer Contact Roles. For Lot Two the Housing Executive will award places to a maximum of ten (10) Contractors for the provision of Agency Workers – Building Trade and Manual Roles. For Lot Three the Housing Executive will award places to a maximum of ten (10) Contractors for the provision of Agency Workers – Technical and Professional Specialist Roles. Tenderers may bid for one, two or all Lots.

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: £12,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Housing Executive can invite the Contractor(s) to agree to extend their place on the Framework Agreement for any period up to and including 24 months commencing from the Initial Contract Period Expiry Date. This offer to extend the Framework Agreement is entirely at the discretion of the Housing Executive.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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 estimated value of this Lot, stated above, has been calculated over the potential four (4) year Framework Agreement period. The estimated value of this Lot per annum is £3m.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot Three - Technical and Professional Specialist Roles

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79621000 - Supply services of office personnel
- 79623000 - Supply services of commercial or industrial workers

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Housing Executive requires Contractor(s) for the provision of Agency Workers as defined by Regulation 3 of the Agency Workers Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011 (AWRs) to provide cover both for ongoing structural change projects as well as business as usual requirements such as cover for internal secondments, sickness absence, maternity leave or additional workload. The Housing Executive intends to establish a Framework Agreement to meet this requirement. The Framework Agreement will be divided into three (3) Lots: • Lot One – Admin and Customer Contact Roles; • Lot Two – Building Trade and Manual Roles; • Lot Three – Technical and Professional Specialist Roles. For Lot One the Housing Executive will award places to a maximum of eight (8) Contractors for the provision of Agency Workers – Admin and Customer Contact Roles. For Lot Two the Housing Executive will award places to a maximum of ten (10) Contractors for the provision of Agency Workers – Building Trade and Manual Roles. For Lot Three the Housing Executive will award places to a maximum of ten (10) Contractors for the provision of Agency Workers – Technical and Professional Specialist Roles. Tenderers may bid for one, two or all Lots.

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: £10,400,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Housing Executive can invite the Contractor(s) to agree to extend their place on the

Framework Agreement for any period up to and including 24 months commencing from the Initial Contract Period Expiry Date. This offer to extend the Framework Agreement is entirely at the discretion of the Housing Executive.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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 estimated value of this Lot, stated above, has been calculated over the potential four (4) year Framework Agreement period. The estimated value of this Lot per annum is £2.6m.

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

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

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: 28

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

24 October 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: 21 February 2023

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

24 October 2022

Local time

3:30pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: The Housing Executive has the option to extend the Framework Agreement up to a maximum of a 4 year period, entirely at the discretion of the Housing Executive. This requirement maybe subject to re-tender depending on the Housing Executive requirements.

VI.3) Additional information

Suppliers Instructions — How to Express Interest in this Invitation to Tender: Register your company on the e-tendersni website (this is only required once) and click on 'View current opportunities' to locate this invitation to tender. The Housing Executive reserves the right to abandon the competition at any time. Please refer to the tender documentation for further details. There is no guarantee that any agreement or contract will be put in place in relation to this notice. No compensation etc. will be paid if a tender or resulting agreement is withdrawn and / or the procurement process stopped for any reason. Bidders should take part in this process only on the basis that they fully understand and accept this position..

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3JF

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Housing Executive will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period before awarding places onto the Framework Agreement in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015

