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Contract

ID 4771087 - DoF - NIAO - Provision of External Audit Services

Department of Finance DoF
Northern Ireland Audit Office NIAO

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03d719

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department of Finance DoF

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Internet address(es)

Main address

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Buyer's address

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I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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Buyer's address

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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Reference number

4771087

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79212000 - Auditing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Client is seeking to appoint a Contractor to provide an external audit service for the NIAO. The Contract shall cover the audit of the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 Resource Accounts, with the option of extending annually to cover the 2026-27 and 2027-28 accounts. The Contract will also cover examinations of the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of the use of resources by NIAO in the same periods where required.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £89,755

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79212200 - Internal audit services
- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services
- 79210000 - Accounting and auditing services
- 79212300 - Statutory audit services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: AC1 Audit Manager Experience / Weighting: 14.4

Quality criterion - Name: AC2 Staff Assigned to Perform the Contract Experience / Weighting: 16

Quality criterion - Name: AC3 Proposed Methodology Financial Audit / Weighting: 16.8

Quality criterion - Name: AC4 Proposed Methodology VFM / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: AC5 Proposed Contract Management including contingency arrangements / Weighting: 6

Quality criterion - Name: AC6 Social Value / Weighting: 10.2

Cost criterion - Name: Daily Rate / Weighting: 40

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

An initial contract period of 3 years with the option to extend for 2 further 1 year periods.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2023/S 000-017213](#)

IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

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Title

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

12 September 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

SCC Chartered Accountants

17 College Street, Armagh

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

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

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £89,755

Total value of the contract/lot: £89,755

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The successful Contractor's performance on this Contract will be managed as per the specification and conditions of contract.. Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a. contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified... time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for. further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be. regarded as an act of grave professional misconduct and they may be issued with a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance and this.. Contract may be terminated. A central register of such Notices for supplies and services contracts will be maintained and published on. the CPD website. Any contractor in receipt of a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance will be required to declare this in future tender. submissions for a period of three years from the date of issue of the Notice. It may also result in the contractor being excluded from all. procurement competitions being undertaken by Centres of Procurement Expertise on behalf of bodies

covered by the Northern Ireland. Procurement Policy.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended

UK

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD complied with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended).. and incorporated a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award was communicated. to. tenderers that notification provided full information on the award decision. This provided time for the unsuccessful tenderers to. challenge. the award decision before the framework was entered into.