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Tender

## **T1622 - Provision of Mediation Services**

Northern Ireland Housing Executive

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0372ec

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

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

Northern Ireland Housing Executive

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**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

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

T1622 - Provision of Mediation Services

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Housing Executive introduced its own in house 'Mediation Service' in 2002/2003 but in 2009 changed to employing the services of skilled mediation practitioners on a sessional basis, on this basis a Mediation panel was established and provided services across all of Northern Ireland. In 2017 the Housing Executive procured a mediation service provider to deliver the mediation service. This was a 5 year contract and the Housing Executive is now seeking to procure a new mediation service provider to deliver the mediation service. The mediation Contractor will be required to address 2 areas of provision, namely Community Cohesion which will be community v community mediation and Community Safety, neighbour v neighbour mediation.

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

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 98133100 - Civic betterment and community facility support services

### **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: £200,000

### **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

The Housing Executive has the ability to extend the contract for any period(s) up to and including 24 Months.

### **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**

Due to the nature of the required Service, it is neither practical nor desirable to divide the proposed contract into lots.

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated 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

7 November 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: 7 March 2023

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

7 November 2022

Local time

3:30pm

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### **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 this contract up to a maximum of a 5 year period, entirely at the discretion of the Housing Executive. This requirement maybe subject to re-tender depending on the Housing Executive's 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 a contract in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015..