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## **Audit of Data Communications Company**

Ofgem

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

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

Ofgem

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London

E14 4PU

#### **Email**

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#### **Telephone**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKI - London

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10021](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10021)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Audit of Data Communications Company

Reference number

2021-091

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

- 79212000 - Auditing services

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

Services

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

Ofgem is seeking an independent auditor to annually assess the Data Communications Company's (DCC's) contract management and procurement activities.

The DCC is the central communications body licensed to provide the communications, data transfer and management required to support smart metering. DCC was appointed using an outsourced service model, to manage contracted smart metering service providers. As such, external costs compose the largest proportion of DCC's costs, and it is critical that these contracts are entered into, managed and closed out effectively and efficiently. Each year, Ofgem scrutinises DCC's incurred and forecast costs through the annual Price Control process to determine whether these costs are economic and efficient. Alongside the cost assessment, DCC also faces financial incentives under the Operational Performance Regime (OPR).

The audit will run on an annual cycle alongside Ofgem's annual price control process and is expected to have four main stages: evaluation, reporting, consultation and decision. The evaluation stage is expected to take six weeks, with the auditor producing an interim report for DCC to provide comment. In this stage, the auditor will need to assess DCC's commercial activity over the course of a Regulatory Year to provide a score and rationale against each supporting question against the NAO framework, covering contract management, procurement and re-procurement.

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

Value excluding VAT: £265,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 79212000 - Auditing services
- 79212200 - Internal audit services
- 79212300 - Statutory audit services
- 79418000 - Procurement consultancy services
- 79210000 - Accounting and auditing services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

16 December 2021

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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