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Contract

## **Legal Advice and Related Services**

Wales Audit Office

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-045a87

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

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

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**NUTS code**

UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.audit.wales>

Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0519](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0519)

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Audit

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Legal Advice and Related Services

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

- 79111000 - Legal advisory services

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

Services

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

The Wales Audit Office (WAO) and the Auditor General for Wales (AGW) require legal advice on a range of topics and issues relevant to their statutory functions. As such, the WAO wishes to procure and implement a Framework Agreement for the provision of external Legal Advice and Related Services, for both the WAO and the AGW.

The advice required will typically relate to either the WAO's provision of services to the AGW or the AGW's statutory work.

#### **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: £210,000

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

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

- 79100000 - Legal services
- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services
- 79112000 - Legal representation services
- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

Wales

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

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The Framework Agreement will consist of 2 Suppliers on a tiered basis. Both will be expected to provide Legal Advice and Related Services when required, but call-offs will always go to the Tier 1 Supplier in the first instance and then will be offered to the Tier 2 Supplier thereafter should the Tier 1 Supplier be unable to provide the services in that instance for whatever reason.

The requirement, in terms of the main, broad areas of law on which the WAO and AGW may require advice are:

- a) Audit
- b) General Public Business

These are not separate Lots and it should be noted that in practice matters often overlap. The successful Suppliers must therefore be able to provide all of the required services under both areas of law.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: How your organisation would supply the required services to the AGW & WAO, including an outline of how work will be allocated and supervised. b) CVs for the proposed team. / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Detail how your firm would organise and facilitate legal representation for the WAO at a tribunal, or other legal proceedings. / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Detail how your firm would ensure that the WAO's instructions are appropriately prioritised. / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Detail how your firm would support the AGW and the WAO in performing the Public Sector Equality Duty in the course of the provision of legal services on an ongoing basis. / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Scenarios / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 40

#### **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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Restricted procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

#### **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: [2024/S 000-015751](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

13 September 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

STONE KING LLP

Upper Borough Court, Upper Borough Walls

Bath

BA11RG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £210,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £210,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

Please note: The ITT Award & Selection Criteria (inc. Technical Questions and Commercial Questions) and draft Framework Agreement will be made available for review and consideration at the PQQ. Prospective Suppliers are not to respond to the ITT at the first stage of the procurement (PQQ). Only those Suppliers successful at PQQ and invited to tender will be able to respond to the ITT requirements.

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Sell2Wales Web Site at

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=89365](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=89365).

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox facility. A user guide is available at

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/sitehelp/help\\_guides.aspx](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx).

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

The buyer considers that this contract is suitable for consortia.

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

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

High Court

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