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Tender

ID 4696443 - DfE- Invest NI - Provision of Drupal Services

Department for the Economy - Invest Northern Ireland

F02: Contract notice
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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for the Economy - Invest Northern Ireland

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Contact

SSDAdmin.CPDfinance-ni.gov.uk

Email

SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk

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.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Invest NI, through the Construction and Procurement Delivery (CPD), wishes to establish a Drupal Support, Maintenance and Development contract, herein referred to as the 'Service', for the supply and delivery of all requirements detailed in the Specification.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,666,666

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48200000 - Networking, Internet and intranet software package

- 48220000 - Internet and intranet software package

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

- 72400000 - Internet services

- 72420000 - Internet development services

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Invest NI, through the Construction and Procurement Delivery (CPD), wishes to establish a Drupal Support, Maintenance and Development contract, herein referred to as the 'Service', for the supply and delivery of all requirements detailed in the Specification.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative Criteria / Weighting: 80

Cost criterion - Name: Quantitative Criteria / Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,666,666

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

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

As per contract documents.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Contracts under the Service will be awarded for an initial period of 4 years with the option to extend for 2

further periods of 3 years each up to a maximum contract duration of 10 years. (4+3+3).

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 potential expenditure for work undertaken under the Contract is up to £1666666.00 exclusive of. VAT, over the maximum contract term of up to 10 years.

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

10 November 2023

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: 8 February 2024

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

10 November 2023

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: This contract will potentially be due to be re-procured after the initial contract

period and/or following any extensions.

VI.3) Additional information

The successful Contractor's performance on this contract will be managed as per the specification and regularly monitored. 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 3 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. The authority expressly reserves the rights (i) not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced. by publication of this notice; (ii) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition;. (iii) to.. award (a) contract(s) in respect of any part(s) of the (services) covered by this notice; and (iv) to award contract(s) in stages and. in no.. circumstances will the authority be liable for any costs incurred by candidates.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures in public procurement competitions. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR2015 as amended.

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and, where appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. This provides time for the unsuccessful.. tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into..