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Planning

Local Public Audit Legal Services

National Audit Office

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI32 - Westminster

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.nao.org.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/delta/mainMenu.html>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/delta/mainMenu.html>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Local Public Audit Legal Services

Reference number

CPT_24_05_01

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The National Audit Office is seeking to appoint an experienced advisor with a strong track record of providing local public audit legal services.

The maximum contract length is 6 years from 1 April 2025 until 31 March 2031 (4 years initial term and 2-year extension period). The estimated total contract value in this PIN is for the maximum duration of 6 years.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £540,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The advisor will be expected to possess, and be able to demonstrate, authoritative knowledge of the UK public sector; the legal issues it faces and, where appropriate, how these affect the NAO in its capacity as the United Kingdom's principal public sector audit body.

This will include the provision of advice to audit teams, central support functions, senior NAO staff and the Comptroller and Auditor General as required. We are seeking to appoint an advisor who will work closely and collaboratively with us, while providing responsive, clear, independent and authoritative advice. This will include:

- supporting and advising on matters relating to the C&AG's Code of Audit Practice and guidance to local auditors;
- providing guidance and advice on all aspects of the local public audit regime in England;
- assisting the NAO in responding to queries from audit firms and other stakeholders on the interpretation of public law, audit law and the legal framework applicable to local public bodies; and
- advising on anticipated/actual changes in relevant primary and secondary legislation and regulations.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

28 October 2024

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Further information will be provided via Delta e-sourcing portal shortly. If you are interested in obtaining more information, please email NAO.Procurement@nao.org.uk.