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Contract

## **DFE-INVEST NI - TECHNICAL ADVISORY FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT**

InvestNI

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-031691

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03627f

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

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

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#### **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.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**

DFE-INVEST NI - TECHNICAL ADVISORY FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

Reference number

ID4397040

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

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

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

Services

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

Invest NI wishes to establish a framework of Contractors to undertake Technical Appraisals/Reviews of Research and Development (R and D) projects, when staff resources or specialist sector expertise to undertake a particular exercise are not available within Invest NI. Other Divisions from within Invest NI may, on occasions, use the Framework. The Framework will be divided into 6 Lots/Sectors. A framework list with multiple contractors will be established for each of the Sectors/Lots below: 1. Financial, Business and Professional Services 2. Advanced Manufacturing, Materials and Engineering 3. Agriculture, Food and Drink 4. Software, Digital and Creative Technologies 5. Construction and Materials Handling 6. Life and Health Sciences Tenderers are required to indicate which of the framework sectors they are tendering for. There is no restriction on the number of framework sectors that Tenderers may apply for or be appointed to. Each Lot will be evaluated independently, resulting in separate lists of contractors for each sector. Tenderers should refer to the Specification document for more information.

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £800,000

## II.2) Description

### II.2.1) Title

Financial, Business and Professional Services

Lot No

1

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

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services
- 73210000 - Research consultancy services
- 79413000 - Marketing management consultancy services
- 73110000 - Research services
- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 79411100 - Business development consultancy services
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

### II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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more information.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 30

### **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Advanced Manufacturing, Materials and Engineering

Lot No

2

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

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services
- 73210000 - Research consultancy services
- 79413000 - Marketing management consultancy services
- 73110000 - Research services
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#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 30

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Framework is for an initial 2yr period and has 2 Optional extension periods of 12mths each

#### **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) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Agriculture, Food and Drink

Lot No

3

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

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services
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Options: Yes

Description of options

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### **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Software, Digital and Creative Technologies

Lot No

4

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

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- 73210000 - Research consultancy services
- 79413000 - Marketing management consultancy services
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### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

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Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 30

## **II.2.11) Information about options**

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Description of options

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## **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Construction and Materials Handling

Lot No

5

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

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Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 30

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Framework is for an initial 2yr period and has 2 Optional extension periods of 12mths each

### **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Life and Health Sciences

Lot No

6

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

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services
- 73210000 - Research consultancy services
- 79413000 - Marketing management consultancy services
- 73110000 - Research services
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### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

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

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Options: Yes

Description of options

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#### **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**

Open 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: [2022/S 000-023625](#)

#### **IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice**

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

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

### **Contract No**

1

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

Financial, Business and Professional Services

A contract/lot is awarded: No

### **V.1) Information on non-award**

The contract/lot is not awarded

No tenders or requests to participate were received or all were rejected

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

### **Contract No**

2

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

Advanced Manufacturing, Materials and Engineering

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

9 November 2022

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

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

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

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

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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: £160,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £160,000



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

### **Contract No**

3

### **Lot No**

3

### **Title**

Agriculture, Food and Drink

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

9 November 2022

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

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

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

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

### **Contract No**

4

### **Lot No**

4

### **Title**

Software, Digital and Creative Technologies

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

9 November 2022

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

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

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The contractor is an SME

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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: £160,000

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

### **Contract No**

5

### **Lot No**

5

### **Title**

Construction and Materials Handling

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

9 November 2022

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

Number of tenders received: 5

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

### **Contract No**

6

### **Lot No**

6

### **Title**

Life and Health Sciences

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

9 November 2022

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



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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

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 your performance does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, this... can be considered grounds for.. termination of the contract at your expense as provided for in the Conditions of Contract. In lieu of... termination, CPD may issue a Notice.. of Written Warning or a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance. A supplier in receipt of multiple... Notices of Written Warning or a Notice of.. Unsatisfactory Performance may, in accordance with The Public Contracts Regulations 2015.. (as. amended) be excluded from future public.. procurement competitions for a period of up to three years. The figure stated in V.2.4 is a.. maximum that can be spent through the framework over the full term and does not give any guarantee of any level of business that may.. be awarded under the agreement.

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended.

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