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Tender

YPO - 001127 Internal Audit, External Audit, Assurance, and Counter Fraud Services

YPO

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

YPO

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKE45 - Wakefield

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.ypo.co.uk/>

Buyer's address

<http://www.ypo.co.uk/>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/>

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

YPO - 001127 Internal Audit, External Audit, Assurance, and Counter Fraud Services

Reference number

001127

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79212000 - Auditing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

YPO are looking for Providers to be appointed onto a Framework Agreement for the provision of Internal Audit, External Audit, Assurance, and Counter Fraud Investigation Services. The Framework is designed to meet the needs of all public sector organisations which includes YPO's internal requirements.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £50,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

External Audit

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79212100 - Financial auditing services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provision of an external audit service to determine if a Contracting Authority's financial statements:

- i) are a true and fair reflection of their financial affairs and are, as a whole, free of misstatement,
- ii) have been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework, and
- iii) assess that the Contracting Authority's ability to continue as a going concern and whether the use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60%

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability / Weighting: 20%

Price - Weighting: 20%

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

Start date

1 March 2024

End date

29 February 2028

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

There is a possibility that this framework will be renewed after 3.5 years from the commencement date.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Framework Agreement will cover the period from 1st March 2024 to 28th February 2026 with two options to extend for 12 months each (subject to an annual review, incorporating price amendments in line with Consumer Price Index or as advised by CIPFA and KPI performance).

The first decision to extend the contract period will take place on 1st March 2025 and will be dependent on satisfactory completion of all aspects of the contract to date, the current market conditions for this category and YPO's contracting structures. The maximum contract period will therefore be 4 years, from 1st March 2024 to 29th February 2028 (subject to an annual review, incorporating price negotiations and KPI performance).

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

Internal Audit and Assurance

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79212200 - Internal audit services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provision of an internal audit, agreed upon procedures, assurance, and advisory engagements delivered in accordance with Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS). The internal audit shall evaluate and contribute to the improvement of the Contracting Authority's governance, risk management, control processes, and other organisational operations using a systematic, disciplined, and risk-based approach. The Provider shall assist the Contracting Authority in maintaining effective controls by evaluating adequacy, effectiveness, and efficiency, and by promoting continuous improvement.

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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

Counter Fraud Investigation Services

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79212400 - Fraud audit services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

For both proactive and reactive counter fraud investigation services. Providers must be able to evaluate Contracting Authorities' risk of fraud and suggest improvements where necessary, and also be able to mitigate active fraud scenarios where the Contracting Authority has become a victim of fraud.

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Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

Organisations must ensure that they are not in breach of any of the mandatory or discretionary exclusions contained in Regulation 57 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. Please refer to the

Tender Documentation/ Online Tender located on our E-Procurement system. The web address can be found under 'Procurement Documents' in 'Communication' section in this notice.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

Please refer to the Framework Agreement Terms and Conditions located on our E-Procurement system. The web address can be found under Procurement Documents in 'Communication' Section in this notice.

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

Framework agreement with several operators

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

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 000-009187](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

22 December 2023

Local time

5:00pm

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

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

22 December 2023

Local time

5:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: There is a possibility that this framework will be renewed after 3.5 years from the commencement date.

VI.3) Additional information

YPO are purchasing on the behalf of other contracting authorities. Please see the below link

for details: <https://www.ypo.co.uk/about/customers/missible-users> .

YPO will incorporate a standstill period at the point of notification of the award of the contract

is provided to all bidders. The standstill period will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, and

provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract

is entered into. The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of England and Wales

London

Country

United Kingdom