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## **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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Wakefield

WF2 0XE

#### **Contact**

Contracts Team

#### **Email**

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#### **Telephone**

+44 1924664685

#### **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

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## **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.

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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

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

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## **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/permissible-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