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Tender

ID 4841239 - DoF - SEUPB - Establishment of a Multi Supplier Framework Agreement for the Provision of Management Verifications for the PEACEPLUS Programme

The Special EU Programmes Body SEUPB

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

The Special EU Programmes Body SEUPB

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Omagh

BT78 1LB

Email

SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.seupb.eu/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/topics/procurement>

I.3) Communication

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

ID 4841239

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) as Managing Authority of the PEACEPLUS Programme wishes to put in place a framework of service providers (Controllers) to carry out risk-based Management Verifications on successful PEACEPLUS projects. The Framework Agreement consists of 2 lots. Lot 1 is associated with themes involving capital / works expenditure (infrastructure costs), while lot 2 includes more general expenditure (consultancy costs, purchase of equipment, staff costs, etc.). Tenderers should refer to the Specification Schedule for more details on the services required. This Framework Agreement is supported by the PEACEPLUS Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB). PEACEPLUS is a cross-border funding Programme supported by the European Union, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Government of Ireland, and the Northern Ireland administration.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £19,750,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots
2

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 – Management Verifications covering Capital / Works Expenditure

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services
- 79210000 - Accounting and auditing services
- 79211000 - Accounting services
- 79212000 - Auditing services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £10,000,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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: Yes

Identification of the project

PEACEPLUS

II.2.14) Additional information

The figure indicated in Section II 1.5 represents an estimated contract value. This value reflects the potential scale of the contract as detailed in the tender documents. This figure does not however take into account the application of indexation or increases to charges due to increases in the Real Living Wage. Neither CPD nor the Authority can provide any guarantee as to the level of business under this contract. The Contracting Authority does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. Economic Operators remain responsible for all costs and expenses incurred by them or by any third party acting under instructions from the Economic Operator in connection with taking part in this procurement process regardless of whether such costs arise as a consequence, directly or indirectly of any amendments made to the procurement documents by the Contracting Authority at any time. No legally binding contract shall arise (and an Economic Operator shall have no legitimate expectation that a contract will be entered into) until such time as entry into the Contract has been confirmed by the Contracting Authority. Economic Operators should note that all dates, time periods and figures in relation to values and volumes specified in this notice and the procurement documents are approximate only and the Contracting Authority reserves the right to change any or all of them.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 – Management Verifications covering General Expenditure

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services
- 79210000 - Accounting and auditing services
- 79211000 - Accounting services
- 79212000 - Auditing services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) as Managing Authority of the PEACEPLUS Programme wishes to put in place a framework of service providers (Controllers) to carry out risk-based Management Verifications on successful PEACEPLUS projects. The Framework Agreement consists of 2 lots. Lot 1 is associated with themes involving capital / works expenditure (infrastructure costs), while lot 2 includes more general expenditure (consultancy costs, purchase of equipment, staff costs, etc.). Tenderers should refer to the Specification Schedule for more details on the services required. This Framework Agreement is supported by the PEACEPLUS Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB). PEACEPLUS is a cross-border funding Programme supported by the European Union, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Government of Ireland, and the Northern Ireland administration.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £9,750,000

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

Duration in months

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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: Yes

Identification of the project

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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

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 12

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

18 November 2024

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: 16 February 2025

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

18 November 2024

Local time

3:30pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored in line with the tender documentation. 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 the contract may be terminated. The issue of a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance can 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 for a period of three years from the date of issue.. The Framework Agreement is being let by SEUPB on behalf of the list of potential organisations included in the tender documents.

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.

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

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.