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Tender

## **Provision of Legal Services - Local Public Audit Law**

National Audit Office

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-049d58

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main 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/tenders/UK-UK-Victoria:-Legal-services./6Z7AKSY7GV>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-title/6Z7AKSY7GV>

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**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Economic and financial affairs

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**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Provision of Legal Services - Local Public Audit Law

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 Notice is for the maximum duration of 6 years.

The tender document can be found on the NAO Delta e-sourcing portal : <https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Victoria:-Legal-services./6Z7AKSY7GV>

Access Code: 6Z7AKSY7GV

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £450,000

### **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
- 79111000 - Legal advisory services
- 79112000 - Legal representation services

- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UNITED KINGDOM

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

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

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.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Competence / Weighting: 40

Quality criterion - Name: Service Delivery / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Equality, Diversity and Inclusion / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental Considerations / Weighting: 5

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 25

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £450,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend the contract by a further 2 years - total contract length 4+2

### **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: No

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **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: [2024/S 000-030497](#)

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

Date

10 December 2024

Local time

2:00pm

#### **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: 9 April 2025

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

10 December 2024

Local time

2:00pm

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### **Section VI. Complementary information**

#### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

#### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

#### **VI.3) Additional information**

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

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## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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