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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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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

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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>

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

Economic and financial affairs

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

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

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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