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# DOF 4597688 PAN GOVERNMENT INTEGRATED CONSULTANT TEAM FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT 2023

Department of Finance Northern Ireland

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

## I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

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**UK - United Kingdom** 

## Internet address(es)

Main address

https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps

Buyer's address

https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps

## 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://etendersni.gov.uk/epps/cft/prepareViewCfTWS.do?resourceld=4597688

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps/cft/prepareViewCfTWS.do?resourceld=4597688

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

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## I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

## I.5) Main activity

General public services

## **Section II: Object**

## II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

DOF 4597688 PAN GOVERNMENT INTEGRATED CONSULTANT TEAM FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT 2023

## II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services

## II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

## II.1.4) Short description

The Framework Agreement is for the provision of construction related professional services by teams of Consultants and their supply chain, collectively referred to as Integrated Consultant Teams (ICTs). The Framework will be awarded in 7 lots for various construction works value ranges. It is envisaged that the projects to be delivered may include, but are not limited to, schools, universities / colleges, offices, libraries, workshops, laboratories, factories, sports and arts facilities, historic buildings, industrial units and estates, criminal justice, harbour and marine, landscaping, public realm and regeneration schemes. Consultants will provide construction related professional services including general advisory and design, procurement, economic appraisals, condition surveys, investigations, reports and other specialist services for all RIBA stages (0-7). The Framework Agreement may potentially be used by any of the organisations included within the following list: List of potential participants - ICT 2023.pdf (finance-ni.gov.uk) https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/publications/list-public-bodies-which-can-participate-cpd-collaborative-frameworks-0

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £32,000,000

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

Lot 1 - Major Works

Lot 2 - Minor Works - North

Lot 3 - Minor Works - South

Lot 4 – Small works and Specialist Services – West

Lot 5 – Small works and Specialist Services – North

Lot 6 – Small works and Specialist Services – South

Lot 7 – Small works and Specialist Services – All of Northern Ireland (Reserve Lot)

There are restrictions on the number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer - see procurement documents for details.

## II.2) Description

#### II.2.1) Title

**LOT 1 Major Works** 

Lot No

1

## II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

71200000 - Architectural and related services

- 71311000 Civil engineering consultancy services
- 71324000 Quantity surveying services
- 71541000 Construction project management services
- 71300000 Engineering services

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UKNO - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

This lot will provide construction consultancy services throughout all of Northern Ireland.

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

The Framework Agreement is for the provision of construction related professional services by teams of Consultants and their supply chain, collectively referred to as Integrated Consultant Teams (ICTs). The Framework will be awarded in 7 lots for various construction works value ranges. It is envisaged that the projects to be delivered may include, but are not limited to, schools, universities / colleges, offices, libraries, workshops, laboratories, factories, sports and arts facilities, historic buildings, industrial units and estates, criminal justice, harbour and marine, landscaping, public realm and regeneration schemes. Consultants will provide construction related professional services including general advisory and design, procurement, economic appraisals, condition surveys, investigations, reports and other specialist services for all RIBA stages (0-7). The Framework Agreement may potentially be used by any of the organisations included within the following list: List of potential participants - ICT 2023.pdf (finance-ni.gov.uk) https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/publications/list-public-bodies-which-can-participate-cpd-collaborative-frameworks-0

## 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: No

## II.2.14) Additional information

Lot 1- Major Works. It is expected that 7 consultants may be appointed to this Lot. A consultant will be appointed, following a secondary tender competition to take forward each major construction related project with estimated values, typically between £4.4 and £30M, albeit there is no upper or lower limit. The scope of services will typically commence at RIBA Stage 0; (the Client's initial statement of requirements) through strategic assessment and business justification and outline design stage, to completion of the works; RIBA Stage 7. However, depending on the needs of the Client, the Consultant could be appointed at any intermediate stage. ICTs will be required to apply Building Information Modelling (BIM) in the Provision of Services. Typically, the ICT will be required to work with the Client to establish its requirements and develop an exemplar design to enable competition between contractor led Integrated Supply Teams (ISTs) (consisting of contractors, specialist subcontractors, designers and their supply chains) appointed separately by the Client using the services of the ICT. Detailed design and construction will typically be undertaken by the IST, but the ICT may also be required to undertake all design.. After the IST is appointed, the ICT will manage the Works Project and provide. multi-discipline professional advice to the Client as necessary to ensure the detailed design and construction fully meets the Client's requirements in terms of quality, cost and programme.

## II.2) Description

#### **II.2.1) Title**

LOT 2 Minor works North

Lot No

2

#### II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71200000 Architectural and related services
- 71311000 Civil engineering consultancy services
- 71324000 Quantity surveying services
- 71541000 Construction project management services
- 71300000 Engineering services

## II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

UKNO - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

This Lot will provide construction consultancy services in specified postcodes in the 'Northern' area of Northern Ireland. Refer to Document 2 of 5, Instructions to Tenderers, Lot 2 & 3.

## II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Framework Agreement is for the provision of construction related professional services by teams of Consultants and their supply chain, collectively referred to as Integrated Consultant Teams (ICTs). The Framework will be awarded in 7 lots for various construction works value ranges. It is envisaged that the projects to be delivered may include, but are not limited to, schools, universities / colleges, offices, libraries, workshops, laboratories, factories, sports and arts facilities, historic buildings, industrial units and estates, criminal justice, harbour and marine, landscaping, public realm and regeneration schemes.

Consultants will provide construction related professional services including general advisory and design, procurement, economic appraisals, condition surveys, investigations, reports and other specialist services for all RIBA stages (0-7). The Framework Agreement may potentially be used by any of the organisations included within the following list: List of potential participants - ICT 2023.pdf (<u>finance-ni.gov.uk</u>) <u>https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/publications/list-public-bodies-which-can-participate-cpd-collaborative-frameworks-0</u>

#### 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: £6,000,000

# 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: No

## II.2.14) Additional information

Lot 2 – Minor Works - North. It is expected that 7 consultants may be appointed to Lot 2. The

geographical area known as 'North' is defined within the tender documents. Consultants appointed in Lot 2 cannot be appointed to Lot 3 (Unless relaxations apply – see tender documents). A Consultant will be appointed, following a secondary tender competition, to take forward minor construction related projects typically with estimated values up to around £4.4M. The scope of services will typically commence at RIBA Stage 0 and continue to completion of the works at RIBA Stage 7. However, depending on the needs of the Client the ICT could be, appointed at any intermediate stage. Typically, the ICT will be required to work with the Client to establish its requirements and develop a full technical design (RIBA Stage 4) to enable competition between Contractors (consisting of contractors, specialist sub-contractors and their supply chains) appointed separately by the Client using the services of the ICT. After the Contractor is appointed, the ICT will, continue to manage the Works Project and provide multi-discipline professional advice to the Client as necessary to ensure the construction fully meets the Client's requirements in terms of quality, cost and programme.

## II.2) Description

#### II.2.1) Title

LOT3 Minor works South

Lot No

3

## II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71200000 Architectural and related services
- 71311000 Civil engineering consultancy services
- 71324000 Quantity surveying services
- 71541000 Construction project management services
- 71300000 Engineering services

## II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UKNO - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

This Lot will provide construction consultancy services in specified postcodes in the 'Northern' area of Northern Ireland. Refer to Document 2 of 5, Instructions to Tenderers, Lot 2 & 3.

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

The Framework Agreement is for the provision of construction related professional services by teams of Consultants and their supply chain, collectively referred to as Integrated Consultant Teams (ICTs). The Framework will be awarded in 7 lots for various construction works value ranges. It is envisaged that the projects to be delivered may include, but are not limited to, schools, universities / colleges, offices, libraries, workshops, laboratories, factories, sports and arts facilities, historic buildings, industrial units and estates, criminal justice, harbour and marine, landscaping, public realm and regeneration schemes. Consultants will provide construction related professional services including general advisory and design, procurement, economic appraisals, condition surveys, investigations, reports and other specialist services for all RIBA stages (0-7). The Framework Agreement may potentially be used by any of the organisations included within the following list: List of potential participants - ICT 2023.pdf (finance-ni.gov.uk) https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/publications/list-public-bodies-which-can-participate-cpd-collaborative-frameworks-0

#### 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: £6,000,000

# 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: No

#### II.2.14) Additional information

Lot 3 – Minor Works - South. It is expected that 7 consultants may be appointed to Lot 2. The geographical area known as 'South' is defined within the tender documents. Consultants appointed in Lot 3 cannot be appointed to Lot 2 (Unless relaxations apply – see tender documents). A Consultant will be appointed, following a secondary tender competition, to take forward minor construction related projects typically with estimated values up to around £4.4M. The scope of services will typically commence at RIBA Stage 0 and continue to completion of the works at RIBA Stage 7. However, depending on the needs of the Client the ICT could be appointed at any intermediate stage. Typically, the ICT will be required to work with the Client to establish its requirements and develop a full technical design (RIBA Stage 4) to enable competition between Contractors (consisting of contractors, specialist sub-contractors and their supply chains) appointed separately by the Client using the services of the ICT. After the Contractor is appointed, the ICT will continue to manage the Works Project and provide multi-discipline professional advice to the Client as necessary to ensure the construction fully meets the Client's requirements in terms of quality, cost and programme.

## II.2) Description

## II.2.1) Title

LOT 4 Small works West

Lot No

4

## II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71200000 Architectural and related services
- 71311000 Civil engineering consultancy services

- 71324000 Quantity surveying services
- 71541000 Construction project management services
- 71300000 Engineering services

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UKNO - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

This Lot will provide Construction Consultancy services in specified postcodes in the 'West' area of Northern Ireland. Refer to Document 2 of 5, Instructions to Tenderers, Lot 4, 5, 6 & 7.

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

The Framework Agreement is for the provision of construction related professional services by teams of Consultants and their supply chain, collectively referred to as Integrated Consultant Teams (ICTs). The Framework will be awarded in 7 lots for various construction works value ranges. It is envisaged that the projects to be delivered may include, but are not limited to, schools, universities / colleges, offices, libraries, workshops, laboratories, factories, sports and arts facilities, historic buildings, industrial units and estates, criminal justice, harbour and marine, landscaping, public realm and regeneration schemes. Consultants will provide construction related professional services including general advisory and design, procurement, economic appraisals, condition surveys, investigations, reports and other specialist services for all RIBA stages (0-7). The Framework Agreement may potentially be used by any of the organisations included within the following list: List of potential participants - ICT 2023.pdf (finance-ni.gov.uk) https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/publications/list-public-bodies-which-can-participate-cpd-collaborative-frameworks-0

## 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: £2,000,000

## 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: No

## II.2.14) Additional information

Lot 4 – Small Works West. One Consultant will be appointed to Lot 4. The geographical area known. as 'West' is defined within the tender documents. The Consultant will take forward small construction related projects typically with a. value of up to around £500k, including detailed design. Only one ICT will be appointed to lot 4. The consultant appointed to Lot 4 will not be. appointed to Lots 5, 6 or 7. (Unless relaxations apply – see tender documents). An ICT is required to be in place to provide services in Lot. 4 area usually without the need for a secondary competition. Generally, Construction works will be undertaken by a Contractor appointed. separately by CPD however, on occasions the ICT may be required to run a separate procurement for the IST..

## II.2) Description

## II.2.1) Title

LOT 5 Small works North

Lot No

5

## II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71200000 Architectural and related services
- 71311000 Civil engineering consultancy services
- 71324000 Quantity surveying services
- 71541000 Construction project management services
- 71300000 Engineering services

## II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

UKNO - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Lot 5 will provide Construction Consultancy services in specified postcodes in the 'North' area of Northern Ireland. Refer to Document 2 of 5, Instructions to Tenderers, Lots 4, 5, 6 & 7.

## II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Framework Agreement is for the provision of construction related professional services by teams of Consultants and their supply chain, collectively referred to as Integrated Consultant Teams (ICTs). The Framework will be awarded in 7 lots for various construction works value ranges. It is envisaged that the projects to be delivered may include, but are not limited to, schools, universities / colleges, offices, libraries, workshops, laboratories, factories, sports and arts facilities, historic buildings, industrial units and estates, criminal justice, harbour and marine, landscaping, public realm and regeneration schemes. Consultants will provide construction related professional services including general advisory and design, procurement, economic appraisals, condition surveys, investigations, reports and other specialist services for all RIBA stages (0-7). The Framework Agreement may potentially be used by any of the organisations included within the following list: List of potential participants - ICT 2023.pdf (finance-ni.gov.uk) https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/publications/list-public-bodies-which-can-participate-cpd-collaborative-frameworks-0

## 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: £2,000,000

## 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: No

## II.2.14) Additional information

Lot 5 – Small Works North. One Consultant will be appointed to Lot 5. The geographical area known. as 'North' is defined within the tender documents. The Consultant will take forward small construction related projects typically with a. value of up to around £500k, including detailed design. Only one ICT will be appointed to lot 5. The consultant appointed to Lot 5 will not be. appointed to Lots 4, 6 or 7. (Unless relaxations apply – see tender documents). An ICT is required to be in place to provide services in Lot. 5 area usually without the need for a secondary competition. Generally, Construction works will be undertaken by a Contractor appointed. separately by CPD however, on occasions the ICT may be required to run a separate procurement for the IST..

## II.2) Description

#### II.2.1) Title

LOT 6 Small Works South

Lot No

6

#### II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71200000 Architectural and related services
- 71311000 Civil engineering consultancy services
- 71324000 Quantity surveying services
- 71541000 Construction project management services
- 71300000 Engineering services

## II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

UKNO - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Lot 6 will provide Construction Consultancy services in specified postcodes in the 'South' area of Northern Ireland. Refer to Document 2 of 5, Instructions to Tenderers, Lots 4, 5, 6 & 7.

## II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Framework Agreement is for the provision of construction related professional services by teams of Consultants and their supply chain, collectively referred to as Integrated Consultant Teams (ICTs). The Framework will be awarded in 7 lots for various construction works value ranges. It is envisaged that the projects to be delivered may include, but are not limited to, schools, universities / colleges, offices, libraries, workshops, laboratories, factories, sports and arts facilities, historic buildings, industrial units and estates, criminal justice, harbour and marine, landscaping, public realm and regeneration schemes.

Consultants will provide construction related professional services including general advisory and design, procurement, economic appraisals, condition surveys, investigations, reports and other specialist services for all RIBA stages (0-7). The Framework Agreement may potentially be used by any of the organisations included within the following list: List of potential participants - ICT 2023.pdf (finance-ni.gov.uk) https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/publications/list-public-bodies-which-can-participate-cpd-collaborative-frameworks-0

#### 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: £2,000,000

# 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: No

## II.2.14) Additional information

Lot 6 – Small Works South. One Consultant will be appointed to Lot 6. The geographical area

known. as 'South' is defined within the tender documents. The Consultant will take forward small construction related projects typically with a. value of up to around £500k, including detailed design. Only one ICT will be appointed to lot 6. The consultant appointed to Lot 6 will not be. appointed to Lots 4, 5 or 7. (Unless relaxations apply – see tender documents). An ICT is required to be in place to provide services in Lot. 6 area usually without the need for a secondary competition. Generally, Construction works will be undertaken by a Contractor appointed. separately by CPD however, on occasions the ICT may be required to run a separate procurement for the IST..

## II.2) Description

#### **II.2.1) Title**

LOT 7 Reserve

Lot No

7

#### II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71200000 Architectural and related services
- 71311000 Civil engineering consultancy services
- 71324000 Quantity surveying services
- 71541000 Construction project management services
- 71300000 Engineering services

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

UKNO - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Lot 7 will provide Construction Consultancy services throughout all of Northern Ireland.

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

The Framework Agreement is for the provision of construction related professional services by teams of Consultants and their supply chain, collectively referred to as Integrated Consultant Teams (ICTs). The Framework will be awarded in 7 lots for various construction works value ranges. It is envisaged that the projects to be delivered may include, but are not limited to, schools, universities / colleges, offices, libraries, workshops, laboratories, factories, sports and arts facilities, historic buildings, industrial units and estates, criminal justice, harbour and marine, landscaping, public realm and regeneration schemes. Consultants will provide construction related professional services including general advisory and design, procurement, economic appraisals, condition surveys, investigations, reports and other specialist services for all RIBA stages (0-7). The Framework Agreement may potentially be used by any of the organisations included within the following list: List of potential participants - ICT 2023.pdf (finance-ni.gov.uk) https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/publications/list-public-bodies-which-can-participate-cpd-collaborative-frameworks-0

#### 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: £2,000,000

# 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: No

#### II.2.14) Additional information

Lot 7 – Small Works – All of Northern Ireland (Reserve Lot). One Consultant will be appointed to Lot. 7. As this Consultant is a reserve, it may not be required to provide any services at all during the life of the framework. The reserve Consultant will only be required to provide services in the event that a Consultant in Lot 4, 5 or 6 performs unsatisfactorily, or the Contracting Authority decides for some other reason that the appointed consultant for Lots 4, 5 or 6 should not provide the services. If required, however, the reserve consultant may be asked to provide services for projects anywhere in Northern Ireland. The Consultant will take forward the design and project management of small construction related projects typically with a value up to around £500k.. Only one ICT will be appointed to lot 7. The Consultant appointed to Lot 7 will not be appointed to Lots 4, 5 or 6. An ICT is required to be in place to provide services in Lot 7 area usually without the need for a secondary competition Generally, Construction works will be undertaken by a Contractor appointed separately by CPD however, on occasions the ICT may be required to run a separate procurement for the IST.

# 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

## III.2) Conditions related to the contract

#### III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

The Economic Operators' performance on this Framework Agreement will be regularly. monitored. As part of its contract management procedures, the Contracting Authority will use the Protocol for Managing Poor Supplier. Performance contained in Annex K of the Construction Procurement Toolkit see <a href="https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/">https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/</a>. publications/dfp/Construction%20Toolkit%20%28pdf%20version%2030%20Sept%2022% 20%281%29.PDF%29.PDF. If an Economic. Operator has received more than one current Notice of Written Warning or a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance, the Contracting. Authority, at its discretion, can consider an Economic Operator's exclusion from future procurements, being undertaken on behalf of. bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Public Procurement Policy (NIPP), for a minimum period of 12 months or 3 years respectively A.. list. of bodies subject to Northern Ireland Public Procurement Policy can be viewed at <a href="https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/articles/list-publicbodies-">https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/articles/list-publicbodies-</a>. which-ni-public-procurement-policy-applies.

## **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: 25

#### 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: <u>2022/S 000-024663</u>

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

Date

6 February 2023

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: 6 February 2024

## IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

6 February 2023

Local time

3:30pm

Place

via CPDs eTendersNI Tender Procurement Portal

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Tenders will be opened by the appropriate numbers of staff of CPD's Procurement Operations Branch

## **Section VI. Complementary information**

## VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: Framework to be renewed in January 2027

## VI.3) Additional information

The Authority expressly reserves the right (a) not to award any Contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by. publication of this notice; (b) To make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition; and in. no circumstances will the Authority be liable for any costs incurred by candidates participating in this competition. Contracts awarded as a result of this procurement process shall be considered as a contract made in Northern Ireland and subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Northern Ireland Courts. The Contracting Authority reserves the right not to award any contracts as a result of this competition. The process may be terminated or suspended at any time without cost or liability to the Contracting Authority. While it intends to do so, the Contracting Authority does not bind itself or others to enter into any contract arising out of the procedures envisaged by this notice. No contractual rights expressed or implied arise out of the notice or procedures envisaged by it. The Contracting Authority reserves the right to vary its requirements and the procedures relating to the conduct of the award process. The Contracting Authority shall disqualify any Economic Operator which is ineligible under Regulation 57 of the Public Contracts Regulations (PCR) (subject to any overriding public interest requirement) and reserves the right to disqualify any organisation which: (a) Provides information or confirmations which later prove to be untrue or incorrect; (b) Does not supply the information within the timescale required by this notice or by the Invitation to Tender Documentation or as otherwise required during the process. Instructions on how to submit a tender; - Suppliers must be registered on the Contracting Authorities eprocurement portal, eTendersNI available on the following link: https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps/home.do All suppliers should follow the instructions on how to submit a tender within the Introduction and Brief Explanation document held within the

documents area for this procurement on the eTendersNI portal.

## VI.4) Procedures for review

## VI.4.1) Review body

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## VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: This procurement is governed by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and provides for economic operators who have suffered, or who risk suffering, loss, or damage, as a consequence of an alleged breach of the duty owed in accordance with Regulation 91 to start proceedings in the High Court. A standstill period will commence at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. That. notification will provide information on the award decision. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into. Any proceedings relating to. any perceived non-compliance with the relevant law must be started within 30 days, beginning with the date when the economic operator first knew, or ought to have known that grounds for starting the proceedings had arisen. (A court may extend the time limit to 3 months,. where the court considers that there is a good reason for doing so).