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## **Expert Network Services**

National Wealth Fund Limited

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04bcd1

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

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

National Wealth Fund Limited

2 Whitehall Quay, Leeds, LS1 4HR

Leeds

LS1 4HR

#### **Email**

[procurement@ukib.org.uk](mailto:procurement@ukib.org.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **National registration number**

Companies House 06816271

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.ukib.org.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://atamis-3929.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from 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

<https://atamis-3929.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

**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**

Expert Network Services

Reference number

C0839

#### **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 UK Infrastructure Bank became the National Wealth Fund ("NWF"), following the Chancellor's announcement on 14th October 2024.

We provide £27.8bn of finance and partner with the private sector and local government to support projects which help crowd in private investment and drive growth across the UK. We are wholly owned and backed by HM Treasury, but operationally independent.

Our investments must meet our triple bottom line: tackling climate change and driving regional and local economic growth; generating a positive financial return to create an enduring institution; being additional in the market, mobilising private finance.

NWF has a future requirement for Expert Network Services to support its due diligence processes, particularly in relation to equity investments being considered. NWF anticipates the Expert Network Services will serve as a useful resource for the Banking & Investment team, enabling them to directly access industry leading expertise when evaluating investment opportunities.

NWF wishes to engage with potential suppliers of Expert Network Services to understand the solutions available within the expert network market, focusing on aspects such as service offerings, IT delivery and security related to the expert network platform, as well as contracting.

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

Value excluding VAT: £300,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The scope of this procurement activity involves the issuing of a Request For Information ("RFI") as part of Early Market Engagement ("EME") to potential suppliers in connection with anticipated future formal procurement processes for the supply of Expert Network Services.

NWF intends to conduct EME with the market through this Prior Information Notice ("PIN") with a view to sharing information and seeking input from the market to inform and shape current thinking and assist NWF in its future procurement plans and approach for contracting for the supply of Expert Network Services

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

1) The RFI documentation includes: -

- a. Instruction document which includes the RFI Questionnaire; and
- b. Outline Specification associated with the future requirement for the supply of Expert Network Services.

2) NWF is providing potential suppliers in the market with the opportunity to provide input and feedback via the RFI Questionnaire. RFI Questionnaires should be returned by the 10th December 2024 to allow NWF to consider comments in advance of any formal procurement processes.

3) Interested organisations should note that the detailed requirements, procurement strategy and timetable have not been finalised at this stage. NWF will collate and analyse the RFI responses received. Responses may be used to develop and scope the future procurement strategy and process. NWF will make a final decision on the future procurement strategy, timetable, and content of the procurement documentation, having considered the RFI feedback.

4) The RFI documentation can be accessed via the live opportunities list on NWF's Atamis eSourcing Portal in accordance with the instructions below and completed questionnaires must be submitted via the eSourcing Portal.

5) To access the RFI documentation, click on 'View our Live Opportunities' from the home page, available on the following link: <https://atamis-3929.my.site.com/s/Welcome>.

Once you have found the opportunity (via the search function, using the title or reference number), to gain full access to the RFI documentation (including questionnaire), you will need to click on 'Register interest' - this will take you to the log-in page.

If you are not already registered on the system, you will need to do so before gaining full access to the documentation and being able to submit your response.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

19 November 2024

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes