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Planning

External Audit Services Framework Agreement YPO 001301

Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Change to reflect update to internal processes as we request copies of provider T&Cs to serve as a guide for our own T&C which are intended to outline the relationship between YPO and any appointed providers, as well as satisfy both provider and customer requirements at call-off level.

Scope

Reference

YPO 001301

Description

YPO are looking to undertake preliminary market engagement to establish a compliant route to market for External Audit Services requiring provision of external audit and related services under the Procurement Act 2023.

The main aim of the solution is to provide access to local authorities to appoint auditors authorised to audit and sign off accounts. Where possible we are also looking to feature routes to market for audit services for other public or third sector bodies such as further education providers, universities, NHS, emergency services, housing associations, and charities.

This is currently planned to be an open framework which will be re-opened at least twice during its lifespan to provide suppliers with further opportunities to bid.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £50,000,000 excluding VAT
- £62,500,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 15 June 2026 to 14 June 2034
- 8 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79212100 - Financial auditing services
- 79212300 - Statutory audit services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

1 October 2025

Engagement process description

Interested providers are invited to contact YPO to receive a copy of an RFI document which requests answers to questions that will help to inform the development of the framework, including information such as lot structure and target markets. All engagement is expected to take place online between 02/07/2025 and 01/10/2025. If you are interested in engaging with YPO to discuss the framework agreement, please contact us to request our RFI document and/or arrange a meeting.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

8 December 2025

Contracting authority

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