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Tender

Multi-Provider Framework Agreement for the Provision of Pensions Administration Software Primarily in Support of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS).

NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

Cheshire West and Chester Council (as Administering Authority of the Cheshire Pension Fund)

Kent County Council (as Administering Authority of the Kent Pension Fund)

Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (as Administering Authority of the Greater Manchester Pension Fund)

Essex County Council (as Administering Authority of the Essex Pension Fund)

City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (as Administering Authority of the West Yorkshire Pension Fund)

Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee (NILGOSC)

City of Wolverhampton Council (as Administering Authority of the West Midlands Pension Fund)

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.norfolk.gov.uk

I.1) Name and addresses

Cheshire West and Chester Council (as Administering Authority of the Cheshire Pension Fund)

Ellesmere Port

Email

pensions@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD63 - Cheshire West and Chester

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.cheshirepensionfund.org

I.1) Name and addresses

Kent County Council (as Administering Authority of the Kent Pension Fund)

Maidstone

Email

pensions@kent.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ4 - Kent

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.kentpensionfund.co.uk/>

I.1) Name and addresses

Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (as Administering Authority of the Greater

Manchester Pension Fund)

Droylsden

Email

mail@gmpf.org.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.gmpf.org.uk

I.1) Name and addresses

Essex County Council (as Administering Authority of the Essex Pension Fund)

Chelmsford

Email

pensionenquiries@essex.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH3 - Essex

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.essexpensionfund.co.uk>

I.1) Name and addresses

City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (as Administering Authority of the West Yorkshire Pension Fund)

Bradford

Email

pensions@wypf.org.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKE41 - Bradford

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

I.1) Name and addresses

Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee (NILGOSC)

Belfast

Email

info@nilgosc.org.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN06 - Belfast

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://nilgosc.org.uk/>

I.1) Name and addresses

City of Wolverhampton Council (as Administering Authority of the West Midlands Pension Fund)

Wolverhampton

Email

pensionfundenquiries@wolverhampton.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG39 - Wolverhampton

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.wmpfonline.com/pensionsportal

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc.aspx/Home>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc.aspx/Home>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Multi-Provider Framework Agreement for the Provision of Pensions Administration Software Primarily in Support of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS).

Reference number

NCCT42948

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 66523100 - Pension fund administration services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Norfolk County Council (as Administering Authority of the Norfolk Pension Fund), on its own behalf and on behalf of Cheshire West and Chester Council (as Administering Authority of the Cheshire Pension Fund), Kent County Council (as Administering Authority of the Kent Pension Fund), Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (as Administering Authority of the Greater Manchester Pension Fund), Essex County Council (as Administering Authority of the Essex Pension Fund), City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (as Administering Authority of the West Yorkshire Pension Fund), Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee (NILGOSC), City of Wolverhampton Council (as Administering Authority of the West Midlands Pension Fund) wishes to let a multi-provider framework agreement for the provision of Pensions Administration Software primarily in support of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) to be available to all LGPS Funds and other bodies as listed in this Contract Notice. There is no guarantee of business, but the expectation is that up to £300,000,000.00 could be procured against this Framework Agreement.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 66520000 - Pension services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Norfolk County Council and the Authorities listed in this notice wish to let a multi-provider Framework Agreement for the provision of Pensions Administration Software primarily in support of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

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.1.3) 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: 5

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 000-019424](#)

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

Date

20 January 2025

Local time

10:00am

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

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

20 January 2025

Local time

10:05am

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

In addition to those listed in this notice the Framework may be used by:

- Any successor body to the Council including any company formed by the Council to carry out its Pension National Frameworks functions
- Any organisation the Council outsources its Pension National Frameworks requirements to
- Any public body with which the Council enters into pooling arrangements for the provision of its Pension National Frameworks services.
- the Board of the Pension Protection Fund (<http://www.pensionprotectionfund.org.uk>)

- any other administering authority or organisation of a public sector pension scheme or any public sector body or that requires pension related services;
- any common asset pool or collective investment vehicle established by or on behalf of an administering authority or group of administering authorities; or

any bodies, organisations or companies established by them for the purpose of operating on a collective basis.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Nplaw

Norwich

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Council has decided to incorporate a standstill period at the point when information on the proposed award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of ten calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the Contract is entered into. Aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by any breach of the Council's obligations may take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Proceedings must be brought within 30 days from the date of knowledge (the date on which the economic operator first knew or ought to have known that grounds for starting the proceedings had arisen) unless the Court considers that there is good reason for extending the period within which proceedings may be brought, in which case the Court may extend that period up to a maximum of 3 months from the date of knowledge.