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Local Democracy Reporting Service - 2025 Supplier Applications

The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)

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Country

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/supplying/>

I.3) Communication

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

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/supplying/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/supplying/>

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

Other activity

Broadcasting

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Local Democracy Reporting Service - 2025 Supplier Applications

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79620000 - Supply services of personnel including temporary staff

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

A key component of the BBC's public purpose mission is to ensure that audiences can engage fully with major local issues, essential to democracy, keeping audiences informed and holding local authority to account. The BBC works with the local news industry to improve the provision of local journalism and is now conducting a competitive procurement for the reselection of 'Suppliers' for the Local Democracy Reporting Service across the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man, to deliver the recruitment of 165 journalists, employed by local news providers, across 118 Contract Areas.

A 'Supplier' receives the free content generated through the Local Democracy Reporting Service, News Hub and Shared Data Unit, and employs one or more of the Local Democracy Reporters to report on local democratic institutions in the relevant Contract Area(s) including county councils, unitary authorities and metropolitan boroughs in the UK.

IMPORTANT: It is a Condition of this Procurement that Bidder's **MUST** have achieved BBC LNP 'Partner' status to be eligible to submit a response to this ITT.

The application process to become a Partner Organisation occurs on a rolling basis and further information with details how to apply can be found at

<https://www.bbc.com/lnp/partners/how-to-apply/>

Organisations that do not currently hold 'Partner' status will need to have submitted their application to become a BBC LNP 'Partner'

via <https://www.bbc.com/lnp/partners/how-to-apply/> by 3rd January 2025 at 14.00 UK Time and had this approved to be eligible to submit a response to this ITT by the Tender

Response Deadline.

Organisations which currently hold current 'Partner' status can submit their response to the ITT ahead of the Tender Response Deadline without having to re-apply to become a Partner for the purpose of this procurement.

The ITT Tender Response Deadline is 16th January 2025 at 14.00 UK Time

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £32,500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

1 to 118

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79620000 - Supply services of personnel including temporary staff

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

165 local democracy reporters to report across 118 'Contract Areas' (118 lots) across the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man.

Further details can be found at <https://www.bbc.com/lnp/ldrs/>

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: £32,500,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Start date

1 July 2025

End date

30 June 2030

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: Yes

Description of options

The initial contract term will run for a period of 30 months. Contracts may be extended for up to an additional 30 months to 30th June 2030.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

IMPORTANT: It is a Condition of this Procurement that Bidder's MUST either be

i) a current BBC LNP 'Partner' or

ii) have submitted their application to be a BBC LNP 'Partner' by 14.00 on 3rd January 2025

to be able to submit a response to this ITT by the submission deadline. Please refer to: <https://www.bbc.com/lnp/partners/how-to-apply/>

Where there is more than one economic operator, the BBC reserves the right to require a grouping of economic operators to take a particular legal form or to require a single economic operator to take primary liability or to require that each party undertakes joint and several liability.

Please register your interest in this project by taking the following steps: 1 - Register your company on the Jaggaer eSourcing portal (this is only required once): 1.1 Go to <https://bbc.bravosolution.co.uk> 1.2 - Click the link on the login page to register. 1.3 Accept the terms and conditions and click 'Continue'. 1.4 - Enter your correct business and user details. 1.5 - Note the username you chose and click 'Save' when complete. 1.6 - You will shortly receive an email with your temporary password. 2 - Express an interest in the tender: 2.1 - Login to the portal with the username/password. 2.2 - Click the 'PQQs/ITTs Open to all Suppliers' link. (These are Pre-Qualification Questionnaires or Invitations to Tender open to any registered supplier). 2.3 - Click on the relevant PQQ/ITT to access the content. 2.4 - Click the 'Express Interest' button at the top of the page. This will move the PQQ/ITT into your 'My PQQs/My ITTs' page. (This is a secure area reserved for your projects only. 2.5 - You can now access any attachments by clicking 'Buyer Attachments' in the 'PQQ/ITT Details' box. 3. Responding to the tender: 3.1 - Click 'My Response' under 'PQQ/ITT Details', you can choose to 'Create Response' or to 'Decline to Respond' (please give a reason if declining). 3.2 - You can now use the 'Messages' function to communicate with the buyer and seek any clarification. 3.3 - Note the deadline for completion, and then follow the onscreen instructions to complete the PQQ/ITT. There may be a mixture of online and offline actions for you to perform (there is detailed online help available). 3.4 You must then submit your reply using the 'Submit Response' button at the top of the page. If you require any further assistance, please consult the online help, or contact the

Jaggaer eSourcing help desk.

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

Refer to contract documents issued as part of tender

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

Date

3 January 2025

Local time

2:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

16 January 2025

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

In the case of technology requirements, the BBC may involve its technology partner (Atos IT Solutions and Services Limited) to assist in the scoping and drafting of invitations to tender and/or the evaluation of tenders. However, the final decision as to which is the most economically advantageous (by reference to the award criteria) will be made by the BBC. The awarding authority reserves the right not to award a contract and to annul the procurement process at any stage. Tenders and all supporting documents must be priced in sterling and all payments will be made in sterling. The contract shall be subject to English law. The awarding authority does not bind itself to accept the lowest, or any tender and reserves the right to accept part of a tender unless the tenderer expressly stipulates otherwise in the tender document.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Business and Property Courts of England and Wales – TCC

Rolls Building, 7 Rolls Building, Fetter Lane

London

EC4A 1NL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The applicable review time limits shall be as stated in Regulations 92 and 93 Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

