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Tender

## **ID 5530827 Department of Finance - NISRA - SPSS Licences**

Department of Finance - Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency NISRA

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04c7ab

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

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

Department of Finance - Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency NISRA

Colby House Stranmillis Ct

BELFAST

BT9 5BF

#### **Email**

[SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKN - Northern Ireland

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

## **I.3) Communication**

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

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

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>

## **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

## **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

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#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) is Northern Ireland's (NI) largest producer of official statistics and government social research. Its role is to enhance understanding of NI society through the provision of trusted information. NISRA provides services to all NI Government Departments and a wide range of other public sector bodies to assist the policy development process and the delivery of their business objectives. The Agency has utilised SPSS software for 25 years and across all work areas large database analysis syntaxes have been written in SPSS code and data validation, analysis and linkages to excel and desktop publishing systems are also set up in SPSS. This tender is for procurement of the provision and support of the SPSS licences. For further information please see ID 5530827 Specification Schedule.

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

Value excluding VAT: £165,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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## **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: AC1 Contract Management / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: AC2 Social Value / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: AC3 Total Contract Price / Weighting: 80

## **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £165,000

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

Duration in months

36

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

There are two further optional extension periods of up to 12 months each.

### **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**

The figure indicated in Section II 1.5 represents an estimated contract value. This value reflects the potential scale of the contract and takes into account potential optional extension periods and the uptake of potential optional services as detailed in the tender documents. This figure does not however take into account the application of indexation or increases to charges due to increases in the Real Living Wage. Neither CPD nor the Authority can provide any guarantee as to the level of business under this contract. The Contracting Authority does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. Economic Operators remain responsible for all costs and expenses incurred by them or by any third party acting under instructions from the Economic Operator in connection with taking part in this procurement process regardless of whether such costs arise as a consequence, directly or indirectly of any amendments made to the procurement documents by the Contracting Authority at any time. No legally binding contract shall arise (and, an Economic Operator shall, have no legitimate expectation that a contract will be entered into) until such time as entry into the Contract has been confirmed by the Contracting Authority. Economic Operators should note that all dates, time periods and figures in relation 5 / 8 EN Standard form 2 - Contract notice to values and volumes specified in this notice and the procurement documents are approximate only and the Contracting Authority reserves the right to change any or all of them.

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## **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

23 January 2025

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: 23 April 2025

### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

23 January 2025

Local time

3:30pm

## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### VI.3) Additional information

Contract Monitoring. The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored. Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for further action. If this occurs and your performance does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, this can be considered grounds for termination of the contract at your expense as provided for in the Mid-Tier Conditions of Contract. In lieu of termination, CPD may issue a Notice of Written Warning or a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance. A supplier in receipt of multiple Notices of Written Warning or a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance may, in accordance with The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) be excluded from future public procurement competitions for a period of up to three years. The Authority expressly reserves the rights: (I) not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; (II) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering Competition; (III) to award (a) contract(s) in respect of any part(s) of the services covered by this notice; and (IV) to award contract(s) in stages. In no circumstances will the Authority be liable for any costs incurred by candidates.

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended. Postal address

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

