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Contract

Framework Agreement for the Appointment of an Office Holder in Criminal Confiscation and Civil Recovery Cases

CPS

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

www.cps.gov.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Public order and safety

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Framework Agreement for the Appointment of an Office Holder in Criminal Confiscation and Civil Recovery Cases

Reference number

PR 2022 112

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75131000 - Government services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Framework Agreement for the Appointment of an Office Holder in Criminal Confiscation and Civil Recovery Cases

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £12,070,615

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 66000000 - Financial and insurance services
- 66171000 - Financial consultancy services
- 75130000 - Supporting services for the government
- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 79100000 - Legal services
- 79412000 - Financial management consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Framework Agreement for the Appointment of an Office Holder in Criminal Confiscation and Civil Recovery Cases

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The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) sought to procure a service for the appointment of an Office Holder in Criminal Confiscation and Civil Recovery Cases. The CPS (or other body as applicable) will apply to the court for the appointment of Receivers and Trustees under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (for criminal confiscation and civil recovery casework) and the legislation that preceded the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (for criminal confiscation casework). The requirement was for a Framework Agreement to be put in place as the mechanism by which the CPS and other bodies will select an Office Holder to be put forward to the court for appointment.

The Office Holder will be appointed as a Receiver or Trustee either to manage assets or to take possession of and realise assets to pay a Confiscation Order in Criminal

Confiscation Cases and to investigate the origins of assets, manage assets or to take possession of and realise assets subject to Civil Recovery Orders in Civil Recovery Cases.

The CPS has a specialist division dedicated to asset recovery – CPS Proceeds of Crime Division (CPS POCD). Proceeds of crime is the term given to money or assets gained by criminals during the course of their criminal activity. The authorities, including the CPS, have powers to seek to confiscate these assets so that crime doesn't pay. By taking out the profits that fund crime, we can help disrupt the cycle and prevent further offences. CPS POCD is a national service dedicated to asset recovery work. CPS POCD works with law enforcement agencies including the police, the National Crime Agency (NCA), His Majesty's Revenue & Customs and the Department for Work & Pensions (DWP), as well as Regional Asset Recovery Teams (multi-agency), Asset Confiscation Enforcement teams (police, DWP & NCA), HM Courts & Tribunal Service and the Home Office.

This replacement Framework Agreement can be used by: an enforcement authority (as defined in section 316 (1) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002) or a prosecuting authority in England, Wales or Northern Ireland, or any government department, executive agency of a government department, Non-departmental Public Body, local authority or NHS Body.

The following types of Receiver/Trustee were in scope:

Criminal:

- i. Management Receivers
- ii. Enforcement Receivers
- iii. NCA Receivers

Civil:

- i. Interim Receivers
- ii. Receiver in Connection with an Interim Freezing Order
- iii. Receivers in Connection with Property Freezing Orders
- iv. Receivers in Connection with Prohibition Orders
- v. Trustees for Civil Recovery

The scope of work includes both domestic and incoming international asset recovery cases.

Receivers and Trustees will be remunerated from the sums that they realise from the sale of the assets over which they are appointed. The CPS (and other bodies) do not offer indemnities and therefore if no assets are realised there is no scope for remuneration.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Submission / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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

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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

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

PR 2022 112

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 June 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 10

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Azets PS Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Begbies Traynor (Central) LLP

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Grant Thornton Uk Advisory & Tax LLP

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

HS Alpha Limited

Hertford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Interpath Ltd

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Moorfields Advisory Ltd

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

PKF Littlejohn Advisory Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

RSM Restructuring Advisory LLP

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

S&W Partners LLP

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £12,070,615

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Crown Prosecution Service

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VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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