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Award

External Auditing Services - Statutory Audit

Norse Commercial Services Ltd

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Scope

Reference

NGRP0108

Description

Norse Commercial Services a subsidiary of the Norse Group is seeking suitably qualified bids for the supply of the Norse Group Ltd External Statutory Audit Services.

The successful organisation will be required to provide the following external audit services (the services):

- Independent audit of the financial statements of all legal entities in the Norse Group from financial year 2025/26 except where the exemption for audit under the BEIS rules for wholly owned subsidiaries or where another audit exemption applies. Please see Appendix C FY24 Company Summary and Appendix D Non-Wholly Owned for list of companies to be audited.

- The Financial Statements of Norse Group Limited are required to be consolidated into the accounts of Norfolk County Council (NCC) and this requires a revised presentation of

its annual results into a 'group reporting pack' as determined by NCC. There is a requirement to audit and produce a report to the Group auditors of NCC on the 'Group Reporting Pack' under International Standards on Auditing (ISA's) in accordance with ISA 800, 'Audits of Financial Statements prepared in accordance with Special Purpose Frameworks' as to conformity with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting

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Contract 1

Supplier

- Grant Thornton UK LLP

Contract value

- £3,941,785.20 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

11 August 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

11 August 2025

Standstill period

- End: 20 August 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

29 August 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2025 to 1 September 2027
- Possible extension to 1 September 2031
- 6 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

Any extension to the Contract are at Norse's discretion and will be subject to review of performance and agreed between Norse and the supplier. For any extension(s) to the Contract, discussions with suppliers shall be conducted sufficiently far in advance of the Contract expiry date to arrive at an agreed position or to allow for the retendering of the contract.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

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

Contract locations

- UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

Information about tenders

- 6 tenders received
- 6 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 1 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 5 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

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Region: UKI43 - Haringey and Islington

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

Norse Commercial Services Ltd

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRLT-2616-PGPY

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government