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Award

DFE - FE Colleges -The Provision of Internal Audit Services for the FE Colleges in NI

South Eastern Regional College

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Scope

Reference

ID 5934601

Description

South Eastern Regional College (SERC) on behalf of the six Regional Colleges in Northern Ireland ("NI Colleges") wishes to appoint a single Supplier for the provision of Internal Audit

Services.

In accordance with the Partnership Agreements between the Colleges and the Department of Finance's (DoF) Audit and Risk Assurance Committee Handbook (NI), all Further Education Colleges in Northern Ireland are required to have an internal audit service. The prime responsibility of the internal audit service is to provide the Governing Bodies, Accounting Officers and College management with assurance on the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control system of each College. Each College is required to ensure that it has sound systems of financial and other

management controls. The principal objective of the internal audit service should be to review, appraise and report on the adequacy, reliability and effectiveness of the systems and controls established by management to ensure:

- the financial business of the College must be conducted in accordance with the arrangements and conditions set out in the Financial Memorandum;
- every effort must be made to ensure that the College operates within its available funding;
- due attention must be paid to the efficient and effective management of all the College's resources and expenditure, capital assets, equipment and staff so that public funds are not

put at risk and that value for money and other financial considerations are taken into account in reaching decisions and in their execution;

- the College must comply with such other relevant guidance/instructions on financial control as are issued by the Department from time to time; and
- the College should formulate and implement a policy to ensure that its accounting and other procedures contain all reasonable safeguards against fraud and theft.

Suppliers should refer to the Specification Schedule within eTendersNI for full detail on the deliverables of this contract.

Contract 1

Supplier

- HENDERSON LOGGIE LLP

Contract value

- £750,000 excluding VAT
- £900,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

3 August 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

3 September 2025

Standstill period

- End: 12 September 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

16 September 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 17 September 2025 to 16 September 2028
- Possible extension to 16 September 2030
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

Following the initial contract period there is the option to extend for a further two periods of up to twelve months each.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Information about tenders

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

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

HENDERSON LOGGIE LLP

- Companies House: SO301630
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXDW-8648-LRDZ

The Vision Building

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DD1 4QB

United Kingdom

Email: david.archibald@hlca.co.uk

Website: <http://www.hlca.co.uk>

Region: UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

South Eastern Regional College

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYHR-1413-WQYX

Victoria Avenue

Newtownards

BT23 7EH

United Kingdom

Email: ssdadmin.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk

Region: UKN09 - Ards and North Down

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the

contracting authorities.

CPD - Supplies & Services Division

Summary of their role in this procurement: Construction and Procurement Delivery - Supplies and Services Division, is a Centre of Procurement Expertise and provides a central procurement function for central government in Northern Ireland.

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVWG-8426-YWXV

Clare House, 303 Airport Road West

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United Kingdom

Email: SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Contact organisation

Contact CPD - Supplies & Services Division for any enquiries.