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Award

Provision of Internal Audit Services - 0782

Eastlight Community Homes

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Scope

Reference

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Description

Eastlight is seeking a full-service internal audit provider who will deliver assurance to the Board and Senior Management on the effectiveness of governance, risk management, and internal controls (GRC). The provider should adopt a risk-based approach to evaluate and enhance Eastlight's internal systems and processes.

Contract 1. Provision of Internal Audit Services

Supplier

- RSM UK Risk Assurance Services LLP

Contract value

- £240,000 excluding VAT
- £300,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

7 November 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

12 November 2025

Standstill period

- End: 21 November 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

28 November 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 5 January 2026 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2031
- 5 years, 2 months, 27 days

Description of possible extension:

Initial period of three (3) years commencing 1 April 2026, with the option to extend for up to two (2) additional one-year periods (3 + 1 + 1).

If awarded to a new supplier, the contract will commence on 5 January 2026 for three (3) years and three (3) months, plus the same extension options. This early start allows time for the supplier to prepare and present the three-year audit strategy and annual plan for 2026/27 at the February Audit and Risk Committee.

Delivery of the audit programme will begin 1 April 2026.

Any revised terms of engagement will be agreed at the point of exercising an extension option.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79212000 - Auditing services

Information about tenders

- 206925 tenders received

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

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

RSM UK Risk Assurance Services LLP

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLNY-6571-JLCR

10th Floor, 103 Colmore Row

Birmingham, West Midlands,

B3 3AG

United Kingdom

Email: bidteam@rsmuk.com

Region: UKG31 - Birmingham

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

Eastlight Community Homes

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDRZ-7469-PLCL

Eastlight House, Charter Way

Braintree

CM77 8FG

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@eastlighthomes.co.uk

Region: UKH34 - Essex Haven Gateway

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government