

United Kingdom-Stratford: Internal audit services
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Contract notice
Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: East Thames Group
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Country: United Kingdom
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Internet address(es):

General address of the contracting authority: <http://www.east-thames.co.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from:

the abovementioned address

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:

Official name: East Thames Group
Postal address: 29-35 West Ham Lane
Town: London
Postal code: E15 4PH
Country: United Kingdom
For the attention of: Gethin Davies-Tallon
E-mail: gethin.davies-tallon@east-thames.co.uk
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Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted: Official name: East Thames Group

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Town: London
Postal code: E15 4PH
Country: United Kingdom
For the attention of: Gethin Davies-Tallon
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I.2. Type of the contracting authority

Other: Registered Provider of Social Housing

I.3. Main activity

Housing and community amenities
Other: Care

I.4. Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1. Description

II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority

Internal Audit Services.

II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery

Services

NUTS code

II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The notice involves a public contract

II.1.4. Information about framework agreement

II.1.5. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

East Thames Homes as the contracting Authority is putting in place an outsourced service of its internal audit function, to replace its current in-house model of internal audit. It is outsourcing the service in order to gain an independent perspective, benefit from best and developing practice and to have access to benchmarking data across housing and other sectors. The service will include the preparation of an internal audit strategy, the performance of an annual plan of work and provision of an annual opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's risk management and internal control systems.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

79212200 Internal audit services

II.1.7. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

II.1.8. Lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.9. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2. Scope of the procurement

II.2.1. Total quantity or scope

The provision of internal audit services for 3 years plus 2 possible 12-month extensions subject to satisfactory performance.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 100 000 and 600 000 GBP

II.2.2. Information about options

Options: no

II.2.3. Information about renewals

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Number of possible renewals: Range: between 1 and 2

II.3. Duration of the contract or time limit for completion

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions related to the contract

III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required

East Thames Group may require the successful service provider to provide a performance bond or parent company guarantee.

III.1.2. Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them

III.1.3. Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded

East Thames Group reserves the right to require groups of service providers to take a particular legal form, or to require a single service provider to primary liability, or to require that each party undertakes joint and several liability.

III.1.4. Contract performance conditions

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: no

III.2. Conditions for participation

III.2.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions: All respondents will be asked to confirm in their pre-qualification questionnaire that none of the conditions set out at Article 45 of Directive 2004/18/EC apply to their organisation or expression of interest.

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

List and brief description of conditions: Respondents will be required to complete a pre-qualification questionnaire consistent with the provisions of Directive 2004/18/EC.
Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: As set out in the pre-qualification questionnaire.

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of conditions:
Respondents will be required to complete a pre-qualification questionnaire consistent with the provisions of Directive 2004/18/EC.

III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts

III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts

III.3.1. Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: no

III.3.2. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract: no

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Type of procedure

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Restricted

IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged minimum number 5: and Maximum number 6

IV.1.3. Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

IV.2. Award criteria

IV.2.1. Award criteria

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used: no

IV.3. Administrative information

IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority

GW/001/2015

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

Prior information notice

Notice number in the OJ S: [2014/S 249-442076](#) of 27.12.2014

IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document

Payable documents: no

IV.3.4. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

4.3.2015 - 17:00

IV.3.5. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

IV.3.6. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English.

IV.3.7. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: 3-4 years time.

VI.2. Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: no

VI.3. Additional information

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

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VI.4.2. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: In accordance with Regulation 32 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 (as amended) the contracting authorities will incorporate a minimum ten (10) calendar day standstill period at the point information on the contract award decision is communicated to EOs. Part 9 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 (as amended) provides for economic operators who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by breach of the Regulations to take legal action. Any such action must be brought within the applicable limitation period. The purpose of the standstill period referred to above is to allow an EO to apply to the Court to set aside the award decision before the agreement is entered into.

VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

17.2.2015