

**United Kingdom-Belfast: Financial auditing services**  
**OJ S 73/2016 14/04/2016**  
**Contract award notice**  
**Services**

**Directive 2004/18/EC**

**Section I: Contracting authority**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Northern Ireland Audit Office

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Town: Belfast

Postal code: BT7 1EU

Country: United Kingdom

Contact person: Northern Ireland Audit Office

For the attention of: The Procurement Manager

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**Internet address(es):**

General address of the contracting authority: <http://www.niauditoffice.gov.uk/>

Address of the buyer profile: <http://www.niauditoffice.gov.uk/>

**I.2. Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.3. Main activity**

General public services

**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**

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**II.1. Description**

**II.1.1. Title**

Financial Audit Services on behalf of the Northern Ireland Audit Office 2015-16.

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

Services

Service category No 9: Accounting, auditing and bookkeeping services

Main site or place of performance: Northern Ireland.

NUTS code UKN Northern Ireland

**II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system (DPS)**

**II.1.4. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

The Northern Ireland Audit Office (NIAO) is seeking to establish contracts for financial audit services to be allocated in 7 lots. These will appoint service providers for the provision of financial auditing services, and other work to support and assist the NIAO where appropriate

and where required in its external audit functions. The NIAO is responsible for the financial audit of Northern Ireland Government Departments, their executive agencies and a wide range of other public bodies, including health and personal social services bodies and local government bodies.

**II.1.5. CPV code(s)**

79212100 Financial auditing services

**II.1.6. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

**II.2. Total value of the contract/lot**

**II.2.1. Total value of the contract/lot**

Value: 748 690 GBP  
excluding VAT

**Section IV: Procedure**

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**IV.1. Type of procedure**

**IV.1.1. Type of procedure**

Open

**IV.2. Award criteria**

**IV.2.1. Award criteria**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of

**IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction has been used: no

**IV.3. Administrative information**

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

**IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure**

no

**Section V: Award of contract**

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Contract No: 1

Lot No: 1

- Lot title: Financial Audits: Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency and Forest Service

**V.1. Date of conclusion of the contract**

20.11.2015

**V.2. Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

**V.3. Name and address of the contractor**

Official name: Financial Audits: Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency and

Postal address: Waterfront Plaza 8 Laganbank Road

Town: Belfast

Postal code: BT1 3LR

Country: United Kingdom  
E-mail: [martin.h.pitt@uk.pwc.com](mailto:martin.h.pitt@uk.pwc.com)  
Telephone: +44 2890415403  
Internet address: [www.pwc.co.uk](http://www.pwc.co.uk)

**V.4. Information on value of the contract/lot**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot:  
Value: 78 750 GBP  
excluding VAT  
Total value of the procurement:  
Value: 77 250 GBP  
excluding VAT

**V.5. Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be subcontracted: no

Contract No: 1

Lot No: 2

- Lot title: Financial Audits: Northern Ireland Environment Agency and the Driver and Vehicle Agency

**V.1. Date of conclusion of the contract**

20.11.2015

**V.2. Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 5

**V.3. Name and address of the contractor**

Official name: PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Postal address: Waterfront Plaza 8 Laganbank Road  
Town: Belfast  
Country: United Kingdom  
E-mail: [martin.h.pitt@uk.pwc.com](mailto:martin.h.pitt@uk.pwc.com)  
Telephone: +44 2890415403  
Internet address: [www.pwc.co.uk](http://www.pwc.co.uk)

**V.4. Information on value of the contract/lot**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot:  
Value: 162 500 GBP  
excluding VAT  
Total value of the procurement:  
Value: 142 300 GBP  
excluding VAT

**V.5. Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be subcontracted: no

Contract No: 1

Lot No: 3

- Lot title: Financial Audits: Council for the Curriculum Examinations and Assessment and Council for Catholic Maintained Schools

**V.1. Date of conclusion of the contract**

20.11.2015

**V.2. Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 5

**V.3. Name and address of the contractor**

Official name: PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Postal address: Waterfront Plaza 8 Laganbank Road  
Town: Belfast  
Postal code: BT1 3LR  
Country: United Kingdom  
E-mail: [martin.h.pitt@uk.pwc.com](mailto:martin.h.pitt@uk.pwc.com)  
Telephone: +44 2890415403  
Internet address: +44 2890415403

**V.4. Information on value of the contract/lot**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot:  
Value: 79 565 GBP  
excluding VAT  
Total value of the procurement:  
Value: 77 250 GBP  
excluding VAT

**V.5. Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be subcontracted: no

Contract No: 1

Lot No: 4

- Lot title: Financial Audit: Youth Council for Northern Ireland

**V.1. Date of conclusion of the contract**

20.11.2015

**V.2. Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 4

**V.3. Name and address of the contractor**

Official name: PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
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Postal code: BT1 3LR  
Country: United Kingdom  
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Telephone: +44 2890415403  
Internet address: [www.pwc.co.uk](http://www.pwc.co.uk)

**V.4. Information on value of the contract/lot**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot:  
Value: 30 875 GBP  
excluding VAT  
Total value of the procurement:  
Value: 30 975 GBP  
excluding VAT

**V.5. Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be subcontracted: no

Contract No: 1

Lot No: 5

- Lot title: Financial Audit: Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Trust

**V.1. Date of conclusion of the contract**

20.11.2015

**V.2. Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 4

**V.3. Name and address of the contractor**

Official name: ASM (B) Limited

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Telephone: +44 2890249222

Internet address: [www.asmaccountants.com](http://www.asmaccountants.com)

**V.4. Information on value of the contract/lot**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot:

Value: 85 000 GBP

excluding VAT

Total value of the procurement:

Value: 85 000 GBP

excluding VAT

**V.5. Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be subcontracted: no

Contract No: 1

Lot No: 6

- Lot title: Financial Audits: Northern Ireland Social Care Council, the Northern Ireland Practice and Education Council for Midwifery and the Northern Ireland Guardian Ad Litem Agency

**V.1. Date of conclusion of the contract**

20.11.2015

**V.2. Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

**V.3. Name and address of the contractor**

Official name: Grant Thornton NI LLP

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Town: Belfast

Country: United Kingdom

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Internet address: [www.grantthornton.ie](http://www.grantthornton.ie)

**V.4. Information on value of the contract/lot**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot:

Value: 87 000 GBP

excluding VAT

Total value of the procurement:

Value: 80 500 GBP  
excluding VAT

**V.5. Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be subcontracted: no

Contract No: 1

Lot No: 7

- Lot title: Financial Audit: South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

**V.1. Date of conclusion of the contract**

20.11.2015

**V.2. Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 4

**V.3. Name and address of the contractor**

Official name: Grant Thornton NI LLP

Postal address: 10th Floor, Clarence West Building

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**V.4. Information on value of the contract/lot**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot:

Value: 225 000 GBP

excluding VAT

Total value of the procurement:

Value: 165 000 GBP

excluding VAT

**V.5. Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be subcontracted: no

**Section VI: Complementary information**

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**VI.1. Information about European Union funds**

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

**VI.2. Additional information**

**VI.3. Procedures for review**

**VI.3.1. Review body**

**VI.3.2. Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: The Contracting Authority will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point when information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. Participants who are unsuccessful shall be informed by the Contracting Authority as soon as possible after the decision has been

made as to the reasons why the participant was unsuccessful. If an appeal regarding the award of a contract has not been successfully resolved the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 (SI 2006 No 5), as amended, provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take legal action. Any such action must be brought within the applicable limitation period. Where a contract has not been entered into the Court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order the Contracting Authority to amend any document and may award damages. If the contract has been entered into the Court may, depending on the circumstances, award damages, make a declaration of ineffectiveness, order the Contracting Authority to pay a fine, and/or order that the duration of the contract be shortened. The purpose of the standstill period referred to above is to allow the parties to apply to the Courts to set aside the award decision before the contract is entered into.

### **VI.3.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

#### **VI.4. Date of dispatch of this notice**

11.4.2016