

IRL-Dublin: statutory audit services
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Contract notice
Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: An Post National Lottery Company
Postal address: Abbey Street Lower
Town: Dublin
Postal code: 1
Country: Ireland
Contact person: Procurement
For the attention of: Barbara Weafer
Telephone: +353 18364444
Fax: +353 18366034

Internet address(es):

General address of the contracting authority: <http://www.lottery.ie>
Address of the buyer profile: http://www.etenders.gov.ie/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA01603

Additional information can be obtained from:

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

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Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted: Official name: An Post National Lottery Company

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Town: Dublin
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Country: Ireland
Contact person: Procurement, 1st Floor
For the attention of: Barbara Weafer Ref: Appointment of Auditors
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Internet address: <http://www.lottery.ie>

I.2. Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.3. Main activity

Other: National Lottery

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

Appointment of Auditors.

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: Dublin and on occasion other locations in the Republic of Ireland.

NUTS code IE021 Dublin

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)

An Post National Lottery Company is licensed to operate the National Lottery by the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform on the Minister's behalf in accordance with the National Lottery Act 1986.

The National Lottery commenced operations in March 1987 with the purpose of operating a world-class lottery for the people of Ireland, raising funds for good causes, on behalf of the Government. The National Lottery is responsible for a number of Lottery games including twice-weekly Lotto draws and associated games, Monday Million and associated games, EuroMillions and associated games, TellyBingo, All or Nothing, a range of scratch card games and TV game shows.

The National Lottery's turnover has grown from 130 000 000 EUR in 1987 when the National Lottery was launched to 761 400 000 EUR in 2011.

The National Lottery now wishes to award a contract for the following, non exhaustive list of services:

(1) An independent external audit of the financial statements of the National Lottery in

accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements (including satisfying the audit requirements of the National Lottery Licence), auditing standards, best practice and good corporate governance.

(2) The independent observation of National Lottery draws and game show related activities and certification that these activities are conducted in accordance with National Lottery procedures.

(3) Act as Lottery Operator Independent for EuroMillions draws twice weekly by ensuring adherence to agreed EuroMillions pre-draw and post-draw procedures at the National Lottery primary data centre.

(4) The provision of information technology audit services including but not limited to certifying /reviewing and locking off TV Game Show software.

(5) The provision of expert financial accounting and taxation advice including but not limited to the interpretation of relevant new or revised accounting/taxation standards and legislation.

(6) The provision of reasonable other services which a professional auditing practice would normally supply to a company of a similar size, structure and complexity.

(7) The provision of supplementary services e.g. draw ball set calibration.

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II.1.6. CPV code(s)

79212300 Statutory audit services, 79212000 Auditing services, 79221000 Tax consultancy 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 contract will be awarded for a three year period subject to annual performance and review and subject to the Lottery Licence being extended or renewed by the Minister (the current Licence expires on 30.6.2013). The National Lottery reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to extend the contract for an additional period or periods up to a maximum of 2 years, (following the initial 3 year period) subject to annual performance and review. Please note that all contractual arrangements are subject to Lottery Licence.

II.2.2. Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options: Following expiration of initial contract period.

Provisional timetable for recourse to these options:

in months: 36 (from the award of the contract)

II.2.3. Information about renewals

This contract is subject to renewal: no

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

Please see tender document for details.

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

Please see tender document for details.

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

A grouping if successful must be prepared to contract as a single entity having 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: Please see the prequalification questionnaire document for details. This document is available to download from www.etenders.gov.ie.

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

List and brief description of conditions: Please see the prequalification questionnaire document for details. This document is available to download from www.etenders.gov.ie.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: Please see the prequalification questionnaire document for details. This document is available to download from www.etenders.gov.ie.

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of conditions:

Please see the prequalification questionnaire document for details. This document is available to download from www.etenders.gov.ie.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

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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: yes

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision: Candidates applying must be statutory audit firms. Please see prequalification questionnaire document available to download from www.etenders.gov.ie.

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: yes

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 number of candidates: 5

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Applicants will be evaluated based on the financial, economic and technical capacity information and rules for qualification/ shortlist selection stated in the prequalification questionnaire document with at least the top five scoring being invited to tender but depending on the quality and number of applications received and provided there is at least this number who meet the qualification/ shortlist selection criteria.

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

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

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

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

17.7.2012 - 12:00

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

24.7.2012

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

VI.2. Information about European Union funds

VI.3. Additional information

The award of the contract may be subject to successful presentation and interview. It will be a condition of the award of the contract that the successful tenderer holds a current Tax Clearance Certificate from the Irish Revenue Commissioners.

The contracting authority accepts no liability for any costs, charges or expenses incurred by applicants in this tender process.

Contact award will be subject to approval by the competent authorities.

The contracting authority reserves the right to award or not to award a contract.

Please note that all information relating to this procurement, including any additional documentation, clarifications and responses to queries, will be issued via the Irish Government Procurement Opportunities Portal (www.etenders.gov.ie). Please refer to the etenders website for guidance.

The contracting authority will not accept responsibility for information relayed (or not relayed) via third parties.

If for any reason it is not possible to award this contract to the successful tenderer emerging from this competitive process the contracting authority reserves the right to award the contract to the next highest scoring tenderer on the basis of the terms advertised and tendered by that party.

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VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: The High Court

Postal address: Chief registrar, Four Courts, Inns Quay

Town: Dublin

Postal code: 1

Country: Ireland

E-mail: highcourtscentraloffice@courts.ie

Telephone: +353 18886000

Internet address: www.courts.ie

VI.4.2. Review procedure

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

Official name: Contact your own legal advisor

Country: Ireland

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

14.6.2012