

United Kingdom-Birmingham: Accounting, auditing and fiscal services
OJ S 143/2013 25/07/2013
Contract award notice
Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: The Insolvency Service

Postal address: Cannon House, 18 Priory Queensway

Town: Birmingham

Postal code: B4 6FD

Country: United Kingdom

For the attention of: Tim Batkin

E-mail: tenders.insolvency@insolvency.gsi.gov.uk

Telephone: +44 1216984495

Internet address(es):

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

I.2. Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.3. Main activity

Economic and financial affairs

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

Forensic Accountancy.

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: The Insolvency Service through its Official Receiver offices, as described and detailed within the PQQ and ITT.

NUTS code UK United Kingdom

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

Forensic Accountancy Framework.

The Insolvency Service wishes to create a Framework Agreement for forensic accountants to provide services under the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 specifically s447. The Insolvency Service undertakes confidential enquiries into live companies under s447 of the

Companies Act 1985.

This is a highly specialised role, involving a detailed knowledge of company and insolvency law and often a good knowledge of a particular industry or alternatively of what might constitute breach of a particular statute or requirement. It involves attending on a company's premises, seeking access to financial records, investigating the case with a view to identifying any matters which may cause concern, where necessary requiring information from third parties, preparing a report and, quite often but not always, drafting an affidavit for use in Court proceedings – and note that this evidence may require the individual to appear in Court on behalf of the SoS.

II.1.5. CPV code(s)

79200000 Accounting, auditing and fiscal services, 79211000 Accounting services, 79211100 Bookkeeping services, 79212000 Auditing services, 79212500 Accounting review services, 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

Lowest offer 731,50 and Highest offer 1 500 GBP
excluding VAT

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Type of procedure

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Restricted

IV.2. Award criteria

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The most economically advantageous tender in terms of
1. Statement of requirements. Weighting 60
2. Price. Weighting 40

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

Forensic Accountancy

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

Contract notice

Notice number in the OJ S: [2013/S 7-007830](#) of 10.1.2013

Section V: Award of contract

V.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

10.7.2013

V.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 21

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 21

V.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: APL Accountants LLP

Postal address: Suite C1 Conway House Ackhurst Park Chorley

Town: Chorley, Lancashire

Postal code: PR7 1NY

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: peterh@apl-llp.co.uk

Telephone: +44 1257231640

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot:

Value: 2 200 000 GBP

excluding VAT

Total value of the procurement:

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If annual or monthly value:

Number of years: 4

V.5. Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted: no

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10.7.2013

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V.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: Crowe Clark Whitehill LLP

Postal address: St Brides House 10 Salisbury Square

Town: London

Postal code: EC47 8EH

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: ros.stow@crowecw.co.uk

Telephone: +44 2078427110

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V.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: Larking Gowen

Postal address: Kings Street House 15 Upper King Street

Town: Norwich

Postal code: NR3 1RB

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: andrew.kelsall@larking-gowen.co.uk

Telephone: +44 1603624181

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V.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: BTG Global Risk Partners

Postal address: 9th Floor, Bond Court

Town: Leeds

Postal code: LS1 2JZ

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: richard.pughe@btg-globalriskpartners.com

Telephone: +44 1618731700

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V.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: BDO LLP

Postal address: 3 Hardman Street Spinning Fields

Town: Manchester

Postal code: M3 3AT

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: natalie.kayongo@bdo.co.uk

Telephone: +44 2078932718

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V.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: FTI Consulting

Postal address: Midtown 322 High Holburn

Town: London

Postal code: WC1V 7PB

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: julian.glass@fticonsulting.com

Telephone: +44 2079797519

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V.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: PWC

Postal address: 8 Lagan Bank Road

Town: Belfast

Postal code: BT1 3LR

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: ian.mcconnell@uk.pwc.com

Telephone: +44 2072134619

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V.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: Grant Thornton UK LLP

Postal address: 30 Finsbury Square

Town: London

Postal code: EL2P 2YU
Country: United Kingdom
E-mail: nick.marcar@uk.gt.com
Telephone: +44 2078652578

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

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V.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: Baker Tilly
Postal address: 6th Floor 25 Farringdon Street
Town: London
Postal code: EC4A 4AB
Country: United Kingdom
E-mail: marcus.mccaffrey@bakertilly.co.uk
Telephone: +44 2032018000

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V.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: Experis Ltd
Postal address: Experis House 5 Ray Street
Town: London
Postal code: EC1R 3DR
Country: United Kingdom
E-mail: scott.treloar@experis.co.uk
Telephone: +44 2031220255

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Section VI: Complementary information

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

This completes the procurement, it is not a new opportunity.

All suppliers who wish to respond to this OJEU notice and indicate their interest in the tender, should request a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) document, which provides further detail relating to this procurement. The PQQ AND ALL communication should be via: tenders.insolvency@insolvency.gsi.gov.uk

Managing Supplier Poor Performance cross-Government.

Government has not always managed its strategic suppliers on a cross-Government basis as effectively as it might. This has resulted in suppliers continuing to win new work with Government even when there are substantial performance concerns with existing contracts. As a result, Government has developed a new approach to ensuring previous poor performance by suppliers can be taken into account and robustly assessed prior to new contracts being entered into.

Contracting Authorities will now ensure that consideration of poor performance on existing or previous contracts is made at the Selection stage, in the assessment of technical and professional ability (Reg. 25). This will include where there are examples of serious and persistent breach in the delivery of both current and previous contracts.

Where a supplier has been found to have committed "Grave Misconduct" in the course of their business or profession, the Contracting Authority will have the right to exercise "Discretionary Exclusion" of that supplier under the Public Contracts Regulations 2006.

In addition, Contracting Authorities will reassess economic and financial standing, and technical and professional ability, and any discretionary or mandatory grounds for exclusion, before key points in the procurement process (i.e. short listing, preferred bidder status, award

of contract etc). This will be done by asking the bidder whether anything has changed since the original assessment; and by checking with other departments/contracting authorities.

VI.3. Procedures for review

VI.3.1. Review body

Official name: The Insolvency Service
Postal address: Cannon House 18 Priory Queensway
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Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.3.2. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: The Insolvency Service will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. This period allows unsuccessful tenderers to seek further debriefing from the contracting authority before the contract is entered into. Such additional information should be requested from the address in section I.1) If an appeal regarding the award of a contract has not been successfully resolved the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Where a contract has not been entered into the court may order the settling aside of the award decision or order the authority to amend any document and may award damages.

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

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VI.4. Date of dispatch of this notice

23.7.2013