

United Kingdom-Cardiff: Training services
OJ S 140/2017 25/07/2017
Contract award notice
Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Wales Audit Office

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Address of the buyer profile: http://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0519

I.2. Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4. Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5. Main activity

Other activity: audit services

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement

II.1.1. Title

Provision of ACA Training Services.

Reference number: 64608

II.1.2. Main CPV code

80500000 Training services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

The Wales Audit Office seeks to engage a training provider for the provision of professional ACA training to its graduate accountancy trainees over a 4 year programme, with option to extend for an additional 2 years.

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.7. Total value of the procurement

Lowest offer: 269 630,00 GBP / Highest offer: 373 650,00 GBP taken into consideration

II.2. Description

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

80511000 Staff training services, 80520000 Training facilities, 80521000 Training programme services, 80531200 Technical training services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UKL22 Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Main site or place of performance: South Wales — predominantly at supplier venue (or supplier sourced venue) and small proportion at Wales Audit Office's Cardiff office.

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

The Wales Audit Office is looking for a supplier to be appointed for the provision of professional training to graduate trainees to support the Auditor General for Wales. The successful supplier will provide financial audit ACA (ICAEW) training. The training will consist of, but is not limited to, face-to-face training of 6-12 trainees (per annual cohort) progressing through professional stages of study, leading induction meetings, administration of and supply of all training materials, examinations and associated fees, and any e-learning as appropriate. The training provider must be a recognised ICAEW Partner in Learning to participate in this procurement.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Course structure, training methods and location suitable to specification of requirements / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Evidence of suitably qualified and experienced staff / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Evidence of technical and administrative systems to deliver the programme effectively / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Suitable data protection and continuity arrangements in place / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Ability to fulfil obligations under the Welsh Language Scheme relevant to this contract / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Evidence of effective quality assurance, accessibility and ability to respond effectively to reasonable adjustments / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Effective communication in resolving issues and concerns, effective liaison and contract management / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Evidence of proven track record through effective ICAEW partnership and/or similar relevant experience / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Evidence of proven track record through previous exam success rates / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Total cost of training and all associated costs, inclusive of trainers' travel and subsistence, training premises and certificate level exam fees / Weighting: 25

II.2.11.

Information about options

Options: no

II.2.13. Information about European Union funds

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

II.2.14. Additional information

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Description

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

IV.1.8. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

IV.2. Administrative information

IV.2.1. Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number in the OJ S: [2017/S 066-124451](#)

IV.2.8. Information about termination of dynamic purchasing system

IV.2.9. Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

Section V: Award of contract

Contract No: ACA Training Services

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2. Award of contract

V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

12/07/2017

V.2.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 0

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no

V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: Kaplan

Postal address: Baskerville House, 2 Centenary Square

Town: Birmingham

NUTS code: UKG West Midlands (England)

Postal code: B1 2ND
Country: United Kingdom
The contractor is an SME: yes

V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot

Lowest offer: 269 630,00 GBP / Highest offer: 373 650,00 GBP taken into consideration

V.2.5. Information about subcontracting

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3. Additional information

The value of the contract is estimated based on a range dependent on the number of graduate trainees undertaking professional study. The value includes for third party examination fees applicable and all associated training costs. The extent of this range is estimated to be from 250 000 to 450 000 GBP (up to a maximum 750 000 GBP if extended and subject to review). The range reflects a number of inherent uncertainties, such as achieving recruitment targets; the extent of trainee exemptions from professional examinations; loss of trainees following exam failures or for other reasons; and, additional examination resit fees.
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VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

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VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

20/07/2017