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**United Kingdom-Belfast: Architectural design services  
2020/S 125-307323**

**Contract notice**

**Services**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Official name: The Executive Office  
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NUTS code: UKN NORTHERN IRELAND  
Postal code: BT4 3GS  
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**Internet address(es):**

Main address: <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>  
Address of the buyer profile: <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>  
Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address  
Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>  
Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address  
Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at: <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title:**

TEO 2926458 Concept Design and Cost Input Framework to Outline Business Cases  
Reference number: 2926458

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

71220000 Architectural design services

II.1.3) **Type of contract**

Services

II.1.4) **Short description:**

This commission is for an integrated consultant team (ICT) to provide concept design and cost input services to outline business cases. The services are to be provided in accordance with RIBA Plan of Work 2013, stages 0-2 only, for a number of proposed Urban Villages Capital projects located in Belfast and Derry/Londonderry. The specific stage input is stage 0 Strategic Definition, stage 1 preparation and brief and stage 2 concept design, for a number of Urban Villages Initiative projects including various community related building types, parks, public realm environmental schemes, vacant/derelict sites, etc. Specific employer tasks are provided in the tender documentation Scope of Service Annex A — currently provided in draft for information purposes. The contract will operate for a period of 2 years with the option for the employer to extend annually, subject to satisfactory ongoing performance, for a further two periods of 1 year each up to a maximum of 4 years.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 243 600.00 GBP

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**

71311000 Civil engineering consultancy services

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKN NORTHERN IRELAND

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

This commission is for an Integrated Consultant Team (ICT) to provide concept design and cost input services to outline business cases. The services are to be provided in accordance with RIBA Plan of Work 2013, stages 0-2 only, for a number of proposed Urban Villages Capital projects located in Belfast and Derry/Londonderry. The specific stage input is stage 0 strategic definition, stage 1 preparation and brief and stage 2 concept design, for a number of Urban Villages Initiative projects including various community related building types, parks, public realm environmental schemes, vacant/derelict sites, etc. Specific employer tasks are provided in the tender documentation scope of service Annex A — currently provided in draft for information purposes. The contract will operate for a period of 2 years with the option for the employer to extend annually, subject to satisfactory ongoing performance, for a further two periods of 1 year each up to a maximum of 4 years.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 243 600.00 GBP

II.2.7) **Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

The contract will operate for a period of two (2) years with the option for the employer to extend annually, subject to satisfactory ongoing performance, for a further two (2) periods of one (1) year each up to a maximum of 4 years. Work programmes for specific tasks to be agreed on a task order basis.

**II.2.9) 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:

Further information is provided in the procurement documents, please refer to MOI Part A 1.6.1 shortlist of economic operators.

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: no

**II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

**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 III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

**III.1) Conditions for participation**

**III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions:

In order for a contractor/consultant to be eligible to participate in this competition they must hold licenses, accreditations or certificates for specific categories and sectors as set out below: please refer to the pre-qualification documentation.

**III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

**III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

**III.1.5) Information about reserved contracts**

**III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

**III.2.1) Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision:

The economic operator team must be made up of the following disciplines: architect, quantity surveyor, civil engineer, landscape architect, principal designer.

**III.2.2) Contract performance conditions:**

The economic operators' performance on this contract will be regularly monitored. As part of its contract management procedures, the contracting authority will use the protocol for managing poor supplier performance contained in procurement guidance Note PGN 01/12 — Contract management principles and procedures: <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/publications/procurement-guidance-note-0112-contract-management-principles-and-procedures> If an economic operator has received more than one current notice of written warning or a notice of unsatisfactory performance, the contracting authority, at its discretion, can consider an economic operator's exclusion from future procurements, being undertaken on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern

Ireland Public Procurement Policy (NIPPP), for a minimum period of 12 months or 3 years respectively. A list of bodies subject to NIPPP can be viewed at: <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/articles/list-public-bodies-which-ni-public-procurement-policy-applies>

III.2.3) **Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

**Section IV: Procedure**

IV.1) **Description**

IV.1.1) **Type of procedure**

Restricted procedure

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

IV.1.4) **Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**

IV.1.6) **Information about electronic auction**

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**

IV.2.2) **Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date: 29/07/2020

Local time: 15:00

IV.2.3) **Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

IV.2.4) **Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted:**

English

IV.2.6) **Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) **Conditions for opening of tenders**

**Section VI: Complementary information**

VI.1) **Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2) **Information about electronic workflows**

VI.3) **Additional information:**

CPD, in its capacity as a central purchasing body, is administering this procurement on behalf of the contracting authority. The contracting authority expressly reserves the right:

(i) to award one, some, all or no lots;

(ii) not to award any contract/framework agreement as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice or to cancel the procurement at any stage; and

(iii) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition and in no circumstances will the authority be liable for any costs incurred by economic operators or candidates. Any expenditure, work or effort undertaken prior to contract award is accordingly at the sole risk of the economic operator or candidate participating in this procurement process. No business whatsoever is guaranteed under any resulting framework agreement or contract, indeed there is no guarantee that any framework agreement or contract will be put in place in relation to this notice. No compensation, etc. will be paid if a contract or

framework agreement is withdrawn for any reason. Economic operators should take part in this process only on the basis that they fully understand and accept this position.

VI.4) **Procedures for review**

VI.4.1) **Review body**

Official name: Department of Finance, Construction Procurement Delivery, Procurement Operations Branch  
Town: Belfast  
Country: United Kingdom

VI.4.2) **Body responsible for mediation procedures**

VI.4.3) **Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: this procurement is governed by the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and provides for economic operators who have suffered or who risk suffering loss or damage as a consequence of an alleged breach of duty owned in accordance with Regulation 91 to start proceedings in the High Court. A standstill period will commence at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide information on the award decision. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the required decision before the contract is entered into. Any proceedings relating to any perceived non-compliance with the relevant law must be started within 30 days, beginning with the date when the economic operator first knew or ought to have known that grounds for starting the proceedings had arisen. (A court may extend the time to 3 months where the court considers that there is a good reason for doing so).

VI.4.4) **Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

29/06/2020