

United Kingdom-Cardiff: Legal advisory services
OJ S 128/2019 05/07/2019
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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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

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement

II.1.1. Title

Legal Advice and Related Services

II.1.2. Main CPV code

79111000 Legal advisory services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

The Wales Audit Office (WAO) and the Auditor General for Wales (AGW) require legal advice on a range of topics and issues relevant to their statutory functions. As such, the WAO wishes

to procure and implement a Framework Agreement for the provision of external legal advice and related services, for both the WAO and the AGW.

The advice required will typically relate to either the WAO's provision of services to the AGW or the AGW's statutory work.

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.7. Total value of the procurement

Value excluding VAT: 182 000,00 GBP

II.2. Description

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

79100000 Legal services, 79110000 Legal advisory and representation services, 79112000 Legal representation services, 79140000 Legal advisory and information services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UKL Wales

Main site or place of performance: Wales.

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

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The Framework Agreement will consist of 2 suppliers on a tiered basis. Both will be expected to provide legal advice and related services when required, but call-offs will always go to the Tier 1 supplier in the first instance and then will be offered to the Tier 2 Supplier thereafter should the Tier 1 supplier be unable to provide the services in that instance for whatever reason.

The requirement, in terms of the main, broad areas of law on which the WAO and AGW may require advice are:

(a) audit;

(b) general public business.

These are not separate lots and it should be noted that in practice matters often overlap. The successful suppliers must therefore be able to provide all of the required services under both areas of law.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: TQ1a / Weighting: 6

Quality criterion - Name: TQ1b / Weighting: 6

Quality criterion - Name: TQ2 / Weighting: 9

Quality criterion - Name: TQ3 / Weighting: 6

Quality criterion - Name: TQ4 / Weighting: 9

Quality criterion - Name: SQ1a / Weighting: 6

Quality criterion - Name: SQ1b / Weighting: 6

Quality criterion - Name: SQ2a / Weighting: 6

Quality criterion - Name: SQ2b / Weighting: 6

Price - Weighting: 40

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

Restricted procedure

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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: [2019/S 025-055866](#)

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

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2. Award of contract

V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

26/06/2019

V.2.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: yes

V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: Acuity Legal

Postal address: 3 Assembly Square, Britannia Quay

Town: Cardiff

NUTS code: UKL Wales

Postal code: CF10 4PL

Country: United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME: no

V.2.3.

Name and address of the contractor

Official name: Bates Wells and Braithwaite London LLP

Postal address: Thames Exchange, 10 Queen Street Place

Town: London

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: EC4R 1BE

Country: United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME: no

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 182 000,00 GBP

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V.2.5. Information about subcontracting**Section VI: Complementary information**

VI.3. Additional information

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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

03/07/2019