

United Kingdom-Edinburgh: Statutory audit services
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Contract notice
Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

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Address of the buyer profile: http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00428
Electronic access to information: <http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>
Electronic submission of tenders and requests to participate: <http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from:

the abovementioned address

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

the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted: the abovementioned address

I.2. Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.3. Main activity

General public services

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

Audit Scotland invitation to tender for the external audit of public bodies in Scotland.

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: Scotland.
NUTS code UKM Scotland

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)

The Auditor General for Scotland and the Accounts Commission for Scotland require to appoint external auditors for the audit of several public sector bodies within their remits. This work is expected to comprise 36 % by value of their overall annual audit work. These appointments are for the audit years 2016/17 to 2020/21.

Applicants must satisfy statutory qualification requirements. The conduct of the audits is also governed by Audit Scotland's Code of Audit Practice, which is wider in scope than for the audit of private sector organisations, and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

Note: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=419981

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox facility. A user guide is available at http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

79212300 Statutory audit 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: yes

Tenders may be submitted for one or more lots

II.1.9. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2. Scope of the procurement

II.2.1. Total quantity or scope

Estimated value excluding VAT: 23 295 000 GBP

II.2.2. Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options: The Auditor General for Scotland and the Accounts Commission, at their sole discretion, may during the last 2 years of the 5 year appointments decide to extend any audit appointments made under the contract for up to 2 further years.

II.2.3. Information about renewals

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.3. Duration of the contract or time limit for completion

Duration in months: 60 (from the award of the contract)

Information about lots

Lot No: 4

Lot title: Scottish Water

1) Short description

This covers the appointment to conduct the external audit of Scottish Water only.

2) CPV code(s)

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3) Quantity or scope

1.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 143 000 GBP

4) Indication about different time frame or duration

Duration in months: 60 (from the award of the contract)

5) Additional information about lots

Estimated cost is for the annual audit value.

Lot No: 5

Lot title: Further Education

1) Short description

This covers the appointments to conduct the external audit of further education bodies only.

2) CPV code(s)

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3) Quantity or scope

3 firms.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 116 000 GBP

4) Indication about different time frame or duration

Duration in months: 60 (from the award of the contract)

5) Additional information about lots

Estimated cost is for the annual average portfolio value.

Lot No: 1

Lot title: Local Government

1) Short description

This covers the appointments to conduct the external audit of local government bodies only.

2) CPV code(s)

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3) Quantity or scope

5 firms.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 521 000 GBP

4) Indication about different time frame or duration

Duration in months: 60 (from the award of the contract)

5) Additional information about lots

Estimated cost is for the annual average portfolio value.

Lot No: 2

Lot title: Health

1) Short description

This covers the appointments to conduct the external audit of health bodies only.

2) CPV code(s)

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3) Quantity or scope

3 firms.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 320 000 GBP

4) Indication about different time frame or duration

Duration in months: 60 (from the award of the contract)

5) Additional information about lots

Estimated cost is for the annual average portfolio value.

Bidders for Lot 2 must also bid for Lot 1.

Lot No: 3

Lot title: Central Government

1) Short description

This covers the appointment to conduct the external audit of central government bodies only.

2) CPV code(s)

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3) Quantity or scope

3 firms.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 201 000 GBP

4) Indication about different time frame or duration

Duration in months: 60 (from the award of the contract)

5) Additional information about lots

Estimated cost is for the annual average portfolio value.

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions related to the contract

III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required

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

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

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

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts

III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts

III.3.1. Information about a particular profession

III.3.2. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Type of procedure

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Open

IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

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

16.12.2015 - 12:00

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

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

Duration in months: 7 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 16.12.2015 - 12:00

Place:

Edinburgh

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

VI.2. Information about European Union funds

VI.3. Additional information
(SC Ref: 419981).

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

VI.4.2. Review procedure

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

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice
5.11.2015