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**United Kingdom-Moor Row: Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
2016/S 083-147308**

Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
Herds House Westlakes Science and Technology Park
CA24 3HU Moor Row
UNITED KINGDOM
E-mail: procurement.tenders@nda.gov.uk

Internet address(es):

General address of the contracting authority: <http://gov.uk/nda>

Further information can be obtained from: The above mentioned contact point(s)

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from: The above mentioned contact point(s)

Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to: The above mentioned contact point(s)

I.2) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.3) Main activity

Other: nuclear decommissioning

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:

NDA Assurance Partner.

II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Services

Service category No 11: Management consulting services [6] and related services

NUTS code

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

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement

II.1.4) Information on framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

Duration of the framework agreement

Duration in months: 24

Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement

Estimated value excluding VAT:
Range: between 1 500 000 and 2 500 000 GBP

II.1.5) **Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

NDA Assurance Partner.

II.1.6) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

79000000

II.1.7) **Information about Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The contract is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

II.1.8) **Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.9) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2) **Quantity or scope of the contract**

II.2.1) **Total quantity or scope:**

The NDA undertakes a range of performance assurance activities across our Estate including our subsidiaries and Site Licence Companies. These activities aim to provide a basis from which to generate confidence in the delivery of our mission as well as to inform decisions, manage performance and communicate with stakeholders. NDA assurance supports the NDA's Accounting Officer to discharge his accountabilities for the delivery of the mission by informing governance decisions and interventions through strategic risk based assurance and analysis. The primary scope of this contract is the provision of an NDA 'assurance partner'. It is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced organisation to work with and to develop a longer term trusted relationship that will:

- Build upon and complement our own capabilities;
- Supplement our resources and support the NDA in the execution of its oversight duties;
- Provide independent, contemporary real world experience of the development and delivery of major infrastructure programmes from a client perspective;
- Provide resources and expertise to supplement NDA capability in the provision of assurance to clients and UK government around the delivery of major infrastructure projects.

The Framework will be an initial 24-month appointment with extension options of 2 increments of 12-months (Maximum 48-month term).

II.2.2) **Information about options**

Options: no

II.2.3) **Information about renewals**

This contract is subject to renewal: no

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

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) **Conditions relating 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:**

2 year's audited accounts (most recent) to be provided separately with your tender submission in electronic format.

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

No legal form is required but, in the case of a group of companies submitting an acceptable offer, it will be necessary to provide an undertaking that each company or firm will be jointly or severally responsible for the due performance of the contract.

III.1.4) **Other particular conditions**

III.2) **Conditions for participation**

III.2.1) **Personal situation of economic operators, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

III.2.2) **Economic and financial ability**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: 2 year's audited accounts (most recent) to be provided separately to the tender document in electronic format.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: The financial information provided by the Potential Provider provides evidence that there has been no qualification of audited accounts in the past 2 consecutive years(or, where the Potential Provider is a Consortium, that no member of the Consortium has accounts that are qualified); and shows that the financial standing of the Potential Provider is such that a Dun and Bradstreet Risk Indicator rating of 1 or 2 would be achieved (or in the case of a Consortium, the financial information submitted by any member of the Consortium shows that each member would achieve a Risk Indicator rating of 1 or 2) or, if the Risk Indicator rating would be greater than 2, the Potential Provider has presented evidence of mitigating circumstances that in NDA's sole discretion demonstrates that the Potential Provider is sufficiently financially robust to deliver the requirement.

III.2.3) **Technical capacity**

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) **Staff responsible for the execution of the service**

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) **Type of procedure**

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Open

IV.1.2) **Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate**

IV.1.3) **Reduction of the number of operators during the negotiation or dialogue**

IV.2) **Award criteria**

IV.2.1) **Award criteria**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of the criteria stated below

1. Quality. Weighting 70

2. Commercial. Weighting 30

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:**

CJ000213

IV.3.2) **Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract**

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**

2.6.2016 - 12:00

IV.3.5) **Date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

IV.3.6) **Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up**

English.

IV.3.7) **Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.3.8) **Conditions for opening of tenders**

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) **Information about recurrence**

VI.2) **Information about European Union funds**

VI.3) **Additional information**

VI.4) **Procedures for appeal**

VI.4.1) **Body responsible for appeal procedures**

High Court

VI.4.2) **Lodging of appeals**

VI.4.3) **Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained**

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

25.4.2016