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**United Kingdom-Liverpool: Banking and investment services
2015/S 211-383268**

Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

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

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UNITED KINGDOM

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E-mail: supplier@crowncommercial.gov.uk , enablement@crowncommercial.gov.uk

Internet address(es):

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

Address of the buyer profile: <https://gpsesourcing.cabinetoffice.gov.uk>

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local sub-divisions

I.3) Main activity

Other: public procurement

I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1) Description

II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority:

Corporate Finance Services.

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

Services

Service category No 6b:

Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance: Primarily in the UK with some limited requirements overseas.

NUTS code UK

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 several operators

maximum number of participants to the framework agreement envisaged: 100

Duration of the framework agreement

Duration in years: 4

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

Estimated value excluding VAT: 130 000 000 GBP

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

Crown Commercial Service as the contracting authority is putting in place a pan government Framework Agreement for use by UK public sector bodies identified at VI.3 (and any future successors to these organisations), which include Central Government Departments and their Arm's Length Bodies and Agencies, Non Departmental Public Bodies, NHS bodies and Local Authorities.

The above contracting authority(s) have a need for Corporate Finance Services (CFS).

The Services covered by this Procurement have been sub-divided into 7 Lots, namely:

Lot 1: General corporate finance advice, separate to any transaction execution.

Lot 2: Advice on and execution of specific corporate transactions (typically referred to as mergers and acquisitions, or M&A).

Lot 3: Advice on and execution of specific equity or equity related capital markets transactions (typically referred to as equity capital markets, or ECM).

Lot 4: Advice on and execution of specific debt capital markets transactions (typically referred to as debt capital markets, or DCM).

Lot 5: Specialist retail offer advice and execution in relation to specific capital markets transactions.

Lot 6: Specialist corporate finance advice in relation to the infrastructure sector.

Lot 7: Specialist corporate finance advice in relation to portfolios of, or discrete, financial assets.

These Lots represent the various roles that Contracting Bodies may choose to appoint one or more Supplier to fulfill their requirements, at call-off stage under the CFS Framework. Each Lot sets out the scope of work that a Supplier may be required to undertake under each lot, split between the mandatory services that a Supplier is expected to be able to undertake.

Potential Providers have the opportunity to bid for all or any combination of the 7 Lots. It is recognised that some Potential Providers may wish to provide services off a single Lot while some may wish to provide services from multiple lots. All Lots will be considered separately and there will be no distinction made between Potential Providers that can cover multiple lots compared to those that can cover a single Lot. The duration referred to in section II.1.4 is 3 years plus the option to extend up to a maximum of 1 year in total from the expiry of the Initial Framework Period by giving the Supplier no less than 3 Months' written notice.

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

66100000, 66000000, 66110000, 66120000, 66121000, 66122000, 66130000, 66131000, 66132000, 66150000, 66151000, 66170000, 66171000, 66190000, 66517300, 79410000, 79412000

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: yes

Tenders may be submitted for one or more lots

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:

II.2.2) **Information about options**

Options: no

II.2.3) **Information about renewals**

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

Information about lots

Lot No: 1

Lot title: General corporate finance advice, separate to any transaction execution

1) **Short description**

Lot 1 relates to the provision of general corporate finance advice to Contracting Bodies that may or may not be related to a specific transaction and will be separate to the execution of any specific transaction. Such execution, where relevant, would be carried out by the same or another Supplier(s) under 1 of the other Framework lots.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

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3) **Quantity or scope**

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

Duration in months: 48 (from the award of the contract)

5) **Additional information about lots**

Lot No: 2

Lot title: Advice on and execution of specific corporate transactions (typically referred to as mergers and acquisitions, or M&A)

1) **Short description**

Lot 2 relates to advising Contracting Bodies on, and assisting in the execution of, a specific corporate transaction (or transactions). Such work may be carried out alongside another Supplier(s) providing services under 1 of the other Framework Lots.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

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3) **Quantity or scope**

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

Duration in months: 48 (from the award of the contract)

5) **Additional information about lots**

Lot No: 3

Lot title: Advice on and execution of specific equity or equity related capital markets transactions (typically referred to as equity capital markets, or ECM)

1) **Short description**

Lot 3 relates to advising Contracting Bodies on, and assisting in the execution of, a specific equity or equity related capital markets transaction (or transactions). Such work may be carried out alongside another Supplier(s) providing services under 1 of the other Framework Lots.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

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- 3) **Quantity or scope**
4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

Duration in months: 48 (from the award of the contract)

- 5) **Additional information about lots**

Lot No: 4

Lot title: Advice on and execution of specific debt capital markets transactions (typically referred to as debt capital markets, or DCM)

- 1) **Short description**

Lot 4 relates to advising Contracting Bodies on, and assisting in the execution of, a specific debt capital markets transaction (or transactions). Such work may be carried out alongside another Supplier(s) providing services under 1 of the other Framework Lots.

- 2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

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- 3) **Quantity or scope**

- 4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

Duration in months: 48 (from the award of the contract)

- 5) **Additional information about lots**

Lot No: 5

Lot title: Specialist retail offer advice and execution in relation to specific capital markets transactions

- 1) **Short description**

Lot 5 relates to advising Contracting Bodies on, and assisting in the execution of, the retail offer element of a specific capital markets transaction (or transactions). Such work is expected to be carried out alongside another Supplier(s) providing services under Lot 3 or 4. Such work may also be carried out alongside another Supplier(s) providing services under 1 of the other Framework Lots.

- 2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

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- 3) **Quantity or scope**

- 4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

Duration in months: 48 (from the award of the contract)

- 5) **Additional information about lots**

Lot No: 6

Lot title: Specialist corporate finance advice in relation to the infrastructure sector

- 1) **Short description**

Lot 6 relates to the provision of specialist corporate finance advice to Contracting Bodies in relation to the infrastructure sector that may be related to a specific transaction. Such work may be carried out alongside or in parallel with another supplier(s) providing services under 1 of the other Framework Lots.

- 2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

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- 3) **Quantity or scope**

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

Duration in months: 48 (from the award of the contract)

5) **Additional information about lots**

Lot No: 7

Lot title: Specialist corporate finance advice in relation to portfolios of, or discrete, financial assets

1) **Short description**

Lot 7 relates to the provision of specialist corporate finance advice to Contracting Bodies in relation to portfolios of, or discrete, financial assets that may be related to a specific transaction and will be separate to the execution of any specific transaction.

Such execution, where relevant, would be carried out by the same or another Supplier(s) under 1 of the other Framework Lots.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

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3) **Quantity or scope**

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

Duration in months: 48 (from the award of the contract)

5) **Additional information about lots**

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) **Conditions relating to the contract**

III.1.1) **Deposits and guarantees required:**

Participants will be advised if this is necessary during the procurement. Parent company and/or other guarantees of performance and financial liability may be required by Crown Commercial Service if considered appropriate.

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:**

No special legal form is required but if a contract is awarded to a consortium, the Contracting Authority may require the consortium to form a legal entity before entering into the Framework Agreement.

III.1.4) **Other particular conditions**

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: no

III.2) **Conditions for participation**

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

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Potential Providers will be assessed in accordance with —Section 5 of the Regulations implementing the Directive on the basis of information provided in response to an Invitation to Tender ('ITT').

This procurement will be managed electronically via Crown Commercial Service's e-Sourcing Suite. To participate in this procurement, Potential Providers must first be registered on the e-Sourcing Suite.

If you have not yet registered on the eSourcing Suite, this can be done online at <https://gpsesourcing.cabinetoffice.gov.uk> by following the link 'Register for CCS eSourcing'. Please note that, to register, you must have a valid DUNS number (as provided by Dun and Bradstreet) for the organisation which

you are registering, who will be entering into a contract if invited to do so. Full instructions for registration and use of the system can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/become-a-crown-commercial-service-supplier/becoming-a-supplier-through-the-crown-commercial-service-what-you-need-to-know>

Once you have registered on the eSourcing Suite, a registered user can express an interest for a specific procurement. This is done by emailing expressionofinterest@crowcommercial.gov.uk

Your email must clearly state: the name and reference for the procurement you wish to register for; the name of the registered supplier; and the name and contact details for the registered individual sending the email. Crown Commercial Service will process the email and then enable the supplier to access the procurement online via the e-Sourcing Suite. The registered user will receive a notification email to alert them once this has been done.

As a user of the e-Sourcing Suite you will have access to Emptoris email messaging service which facilitates all messages sent to you and from you in relation to any specific RFX event. Please note it is your responsibility to access these emails on a regular basis to ensure you have sight of all relevant information.

For technical assistance on use of the e-Sourcing Suite please contact Crown Commercial Service Support Desk email: eenablement@crowcommercial.gov.uk

Please note that there may be a short period of e-Sourcing Suite unavailability at the start of this procurement. Please monitor <https://gpsesourcing.cabinetoffice.gov.uk> for details of e-Sourcing Suite availability.

Responses must be published by the date in IV.3.4.

A full copy of the ITT documentation for this Procurement is also available via Crown Commercial Service website from the date of this publication of the contract notice:

<https://connect.ccs.gsi.gov.uk/,DanaInfo=ccs-agreements.cabinetoffice.gov.uk+procurement-pipeline>

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

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Potential Providers will be assessed on the basis of information provided in response to an ITT.

The ITT can be accessed at: <https://gpsesourcing.cabinetoffice.gov.uk> using the instructions detailed in III.2.1.

Crown Commercial Service and contracting authority(s) may take into account any of the following information:

- a) a statement of your turnover profit and loss account and cash flow for the most recent year of trading;
- b) a statement of your cash flow forecast for the current year and a bank letter outlining the current cash and credit position; and/or
- c) an alternative means of demonstrating financial status.

III.2.3) **Technical capacity**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met:

Potential Providers will be assessed in accordance with Section 5 of the Regulations implementing the Directive, on the basis of information provided in response to an ITT.

The ITT can be accessed at: <https://gpsesourcing.cabinetoffice.gov.uk> using the instructions detailed in III.2.1

Crown Commercial Service may have regard to any of the following means in its assessment:

- (a) a list of the principal deliveries or main services provided over the past 3 years, with the sums, dates and recipients, whether public or private, involved;
- (b) an indication of the technicians or technical bodies involved, whether or not belonging directly to the Potential Provider's undertaking, especially those responsible for quality control and, in the case of public works contracts, those upon whom the Potential Provider can call in order to carry out the work;

- (c) a description of the technical facilities and measures used by the Potential Provider for ensuring quality and Cyber Security;
- (d) where the Services to be supplied are complex or, exceptionally, are required for a special purpose, a check carried out by the contracting authorities or on their behalf by a competent official body of the country in which the Potential Provider is established, subject to that body's agreement, on the production capacities or the technical capacity and, if necessary, on the means of study and research which are available to it and the quality control measures it will operate;
- (e) the educational and professional qualifications of the Potential Provider and/or named Sub-Contractor(s) specifically those of the undertaking's managerial staff and, in particular, those of the person or persons responsible for providing the services or managing the work;
- (f) for public works contracts and public services contracts, and only if related and appropriate to the subject-matter of the Framework Agreement, an indication of the environmental management measures that the economic operator will be able to apply when performing the contract;
- (g) an indication of the environmental management measures that the Potential Provider will be able to apply when performing the contract;
- (h) an indication of the proportion of the contract which the services provider intends possibly to subcontract.

III.2.4) **Information about reserved contracts**

III.3) **Conditions specific to services contracts**

III.3.1) **Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: yes

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision: Financial Conduct Authority where relevant.

III.3.2) **Staff responsible for the execution of the service**

Legal persons should indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff responsible for the execution of the service: yes

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) **Type of procedure**

IV.1.1) **Type of procedure**

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 in the specifications, in the invitation to tender or to negotiate or in the descriptive document

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:**

RM3719

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

Prior information notice

Notice number in the OJEU: [2014/S 185-326369](#) of 26.9.2014

IV.3.3) Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document

Payable documents: no

IV.3.4) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

21.12.2015 - 15:00

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

in days: 120 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.3.8) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 21.12.2015 - 15:01

Place:

Electronically, via web-based portal.

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2) Information about European Union funds

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

VI.3) Additional information

Potential Providers should note that, in accordance with the UK Government's policies on transparency, Crown Commercial Service intends to publish the Invitation to Tender (ITT) document and the text of any Framework Agreement awarded, subject to possible redactions at the discretion of Crown

Commercial Service. The terms of the proposed Framework Agreement will also permit a public sector contracting authority, awarding a contract under this Framework Agreement, to publish the text of that contract, subject to possible redactions at the discretion of the contracting authority. Further information on transparency can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-and-contracting-transparency-requirements-guidance>

Crown Commercial Service expressly reserves the right (i) not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; and (ii) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition; and in no circumstances will Crown Commercial Service be liable for any costs incurred by the Potential Providers. If Crown Commercial Service decides to enter into a Framework Agreement with the successful Supplier, this does not mean that there is any guarantee of subsequent contracts being awarded. Any expenditure, work or effort undertaken prior to contract award is accordingly a matter solely for the commercial judgement of Potential Providers. Any orders placed under this Framework Agreement will form a separate contract under the scope of this Framework between the Supplier and the specific requesting other contracting authority(s). Crown Commercial Service and other contracting bodies utilising the Framework Agreement reserve the right to use any electronic portal during the life of the agreement.

The duration referenced in Section II.1.4 is for the placing of orders.

The value provided in Section II.1.4 is only an estimate. We cannot guarantee to Suppliers any business through this Framework Agreement. However, we reserve the right to exceed this estimate.

The Authority wishes to establish a Framework Agreement for use by the following UK public sector bodies (and any future successors to these organisations):

Central Government Departments, Local Government and Public Corporations that can be accessed at the Public Sector Classification Guide:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/search/index.html?>

[page=50&sortBy=none&sortDirection=none&newquery=Public+Sector+Classification+Guide](http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/search/index.html?pageSize=50&sortBy=none&sortDirection=none&newquery=Public+Sector+Classification+Guide)

Local Authorities (England and Wales).

<http://www.idea.gov.uk/idk/org/la-data.do>

www.ubico.co.uk

NDPBs

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations>

Network Rail

www.networkrail.co.uk

National Parks Authorities

<http://www.nationalparks.gov.uk/>

Educational Establishments in England and Wales, maintained by the Department for Children, Schools and Families including Schools, Universities and Colleges but not Independent Schools

<http://www.education.gov.uk/edubase/home.xhtml>

Police Forces in the United Kingdom

<https://www.police.uk/contact/force-websites/>

Police Forces and Special Police Forces in the United Kingdom, and/or Police and Crime Commissioners (as defined by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011) and/or the Police Authorities (as defined in the Police Act 1964, Police Act 1996, Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005, Police and Justice Act 2006, Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006), and other relevant legislation for the constituent parts of the United Kingdom, for their respective rights and interests.

Fire and Rescue Services in the United Kingdom

<http://www.fireservice.co.uk/information/ukfrs>

<http://www.nifrs.org/areas-districts/>

<http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-area.aspx>

NHS Bodies England

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/AcuteTrustListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/CCGListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/MentalHealthTrustListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/CareTrustListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/AreaTeamListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/SpecialHealthAuthorityListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/OtherListing.aspx>

Hospices in the UK

<http://www.helpthehospices.org.uk/about-hospice-care/find-a-hospice/uk-hospice-and-palliative-care-services>

Registered Social Landlords (Housing Associations)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/current-registered-providers-of-social-housing>

Third Sector and Charities in the United Kingdom

<http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/find-charities/>

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/search-charity-register/>

<https://www.charitycommissionni.org.uk/ShowCharity/RegisterOfCharities/RegisterHomePage.aspx>

Citizens Advice in the United Kingdom

<http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/index/getadvice.htm>

www.cas.org.uk

<http://www.citizensadvice.co.uk/>

Scottish Public Bodies

The framework agreement will be available for use by any Scottish Public Sector Body: the Authority; Scottish Non-Departmental Public Bodies; offices in the Scottish Administration which are not ministerial offices; cross-border public authorities within the meaning of section 88(5) of the Scotland Act 1998; the Scotland Office; the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body; councils constituted under section 2 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (except where they are acting in their capacity as educational authority); Scottish joint fire boards or joint fire and rescue boards; Scottish joint police boards or any successor National Police or Fire Authority; Scottish National Park authorities, bodies registered as social landlords under the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001, Scottish health boards or special health boards, Student Loans Company Limited, Northern Lighthouse Board, further or higher education institutions being fundable bodies within the meaning of section 6 of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2005 any public body established by or under the Scotland Act 1998 or any Act of the Scottish Parliament, any association of or formed by one or more of the foregoing, bodies financed wholly or mainly by one or more of the foregoing, bodies subject to management supervision by one or more of the foregoing and bodies more than half of the board of directors or members of which, or, in the case of a group of individuals, more than half of those individuals, being appointed by one or more of the foregoing.

Scottish Government:

<http://www.gov.scot>

Scottish Parliament:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/abouttheparliament/27110.aspx>

Scottish Local Authorities:

<http://www.gov.scot/About/Government/councils>

<http://www.scotland-excel.org.uk/home/AboutUs/OurMembers/AssociateMembers.aspx>

Scottish Agencies, NDPBs:

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Government/public-bodies/about/Bodies>

Scottish NHS Bodies:

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Health/NHS-Workforce/NHS-Boards>

<http://www.show.scot.nhs.uk/organisations/>

Scottish Further and Higher Education Bodies:

<http://www.universities-scotland.ac.uk/index.php?page=members>

<http://www.collegesscotland.ac.uk/member-colleges.html>

http://www.sfc.ac.uk/aboutus/council_funded_institutions/WhoWeFundColleges.aspx

Scottish Police:

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/>

Scottish Housing Associations:

http://www.sfha.co.uk/component/option,com_membersdir/Itemid,149/view,membersdir/

The Scotland Office:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/scotland-office>

Registered Social Landlords (Housing Associations) — Scotland:

http://www.esystems.scottishhousingregulator.gov.uk/register/reg_pub_dsp.search

Scottish Primary Schools:

<http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/parentzone/myschool/findaschool/index.asp>

Scottish Secondary Schools:

<http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/parentzone/myschool/findaschool/index.asp>

Scottish Special Schools:

<http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/parentzone/myschool/findaschool/index.asp>

Welsh Public Bodies:

National Assembly for Wales, Welsh Assembly Government and Welsh Local Authorities, and all bodies covered by:

<http://www.assembly.wales/en/Pages/Home.aspx>

<http://gov.wales>

NHS Wales:

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/ourservices/directory>

Housing Associations — Registered Social Landlords Wales:

<http://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/publications/registered-social-landlords-in-wales/?lang=en>

Universities in Wales:

<http://www.uniswales.ac.uk/universities/>

Colleges in Wales:

http://www.collegeswales.ac.uk/en-GB/wales_colleges-42.aspx

Schools in Wales (nursery, primary, middle, secondary, special, independent schools and pupil referral units).

<http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/address-list-of-schools/?lang=en>

Northern Ireland Public Bodies

Northern Ireland Government Departments

<http://www.northernireland.gov.uk/gov.htm>

Northern Ireland Public Sector Bodies and Local Authorities

<http://www.northernireland.gov.uk/az2.htm>

Schools in Northern Ireland

<http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/index/do-it-online/parents-online/find-schools-and-nurseries.htm>

Universities in Northern Ireland

<http://www.deni.gov.uk/links.htm#colleges>

Health and Social care in Northern Ireland

<http://www.hscni.net/>

Northern Ireland Housing Associations

<http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/index/contacts/contacts-az.htm/housing-associations-contact>

Police Service of Northern Ireland

<http://www.psn.police.uk/index.htm>

Any corporation established, or a group of individuals appointed to act together, for the specific purpose of meeting needs in the general interest, not having an industrial or commercial character, and

(i) financed wholly or mainly by another contracting authority listed above in this section VI.3 of this notice;

(ii) subject to management supervision by another contracting authority listed above in this section VI.3 of this notice; or

(iii) more than half of the board of directors or members of which, or, in the case of a group of individuals, more than half of those individuals, are appointed by another contracting authority listed above in this section VI.3 of this notice

(iv) an association of or formed by one or more of the Contracting Authorities listed above in this section VI.3 of this notice

Entities which are not public sector bodies may also use the Framework Agreements if the Authority is satisfied that:

— such entity is calling-off goods and services directly, solely and exclusively in order to satisfy contractual obligations to one or more public sector bodies, all of which are entitled to use the Framework Agreements on their own account;

— all goods to be called-off by it are to be used directly, solely and exclusively to provide energy at sites occupied by such public sector body(ies); and

— it will pass the benefit of the call-off contract to such public sector body(ies) directly, in full and on a purely 'pass-through' basis. Accordingly there must be no mark-up, management fee, service charge or any similar cost solely in relation to the supply of energy imposed on the relevant public sector body(ies), who must be able to benefit from the terms of the Framework Agreements in a like manner and to the same extent as if using the Framework Agreements on its/their own account.

Any 'bodies governed by public law' which under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 means bodies that have all of the following characteristics

(a) they are established for the specific purpose of meeting needs in the general interest, not having an industrial or commercial character;

(b) they have legal personality; and

(c) they have any of the following characteristics:—

(i) they are financed, for the most part, by the State, regional or local authorities, or by other bodies governed by public law;

(ii) they are subject to management supervision by those authorities or bodies; or

(iii) they have an administrative, managerial or supervisory board, more than half of whose members are appointed by the State, regional or local authorities, or by other bodies governed by public law;

Cyber Essentials is mandatory for Central Government Contracts which involve handling personal information and providing certain ICT products and services.

The government is taking steps to further reduce the levels of cyber security risk in its supply chain through the Cyber Essentials scheme. The scheme defines a set of controls which, when properly implemented, will provide organisations with basic protection from the most prevalent forms of threat coming from the internet. There are 2 levels of certification: Cyber Essentials and Cyber Essentials Plus.

To participate in this Procurement, Potential Providers must be able to demonstrate that you comply with the technical requirements prescribed by Cyber Essentials for Services under and in connection with this Procurement by the time the first call-off contract is awarded.

Further details of Cyber Essentials may be found here <https://www.cyberstreetwise.com/cyberessentials/>

Further detail of the mandatory requirements may be found in PPN 09/14.

VI.4) **Procedures for appeal**

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

VI.4.2) **Lodging of appeals**

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: There is no right of appeal in this procurement. If you have a complaint or seek to challenge the outcome, please follow the guidance on procedure contained in the previous section.

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

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

28.10.2015