

**UK-Norwich: other services auxiliary to financial intermediation, except to insurance and pension funding**

**2006/S 183-194639**

**CONTRACT NOTICE**

**Services**

**SECTION I: CONTRACTING AUTHORITY**

**I.1) NAME, ADDRESSES AND CONTACT POINT(S):**

HM Treasury (acting through the Office of Government Commerce), Rosebery Court, St Andrews Business Park, Contact: OGC, Attn: Frank. Eardley, UK-Norwich NR7 0HS . Tel. 0131 260 6103. E-mail: [frank.eardley@ogc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:frank.eardley@ogc.gsi.gov.uk). Fax 0131 226 7878.

**Internet address(es):**

General address of the contracting authority: [www.ogc.gov.uk](http://www.ogc.gov.uk).

**Further information can be obtained at:** As in above-mentioned contact point(s).

**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained at:** The Office of Government Commerce, Rosebery Court, St Andrews Business Park, Contact: OGC, Attn: Julie Hodges, UK-Norwich NR7 0HS . Tel. 01603 704933. E-mail: [julie.hodges@ogc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:julie.hodges@ogc.gsi.gov.uk). Fax 01603 704889. URL: [www.ogc.gov.uk](http://www.ogc.gov.uk).

**Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to:** The Office of Government Commerce, Rosebery Court, St Andrews Business Park, Contact: OGC, Attn: Julie Hodges, UK-Norwich NR7 0HS . Tel. 01603 704933. E-mail: [julie.hodges@ogc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:julie.hodges@ogc.gsi.gov.uk). Fax 01603 704889. URL: [www.ogc.gov.uk](http://www.ogc.gov.uk).

**I.2) TYPE OF THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY AND MAIN ACTIVITY OR ACTIVITIES:**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local sub-divisions.  
Economic and financial affairs.

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:**

The Provision of reports containing financial and other information on companies with which UK public sector bodies may enter into commercial relationships.

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

Services.

Service category: No 06.

NUTS code: UK.

**II.1.3) 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 year(s): 3

Justification for a framework agreement, the duration of which exceeds four years: The duration of the contract is for an initial 3 years with an option to extend by 1 year.

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

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 1 500 000 and 3 000 000 GBP.

Frequency and value of the contracts to be awarded: various.

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

Provide a web-based system, as well as the production of paper based reports, to provide financial information on firms, including a rating or assessment of their financial stability and risk, to enable public sector purchasers to take an informed view of the financial standing of potential suppliers. Plus optionally more in-depth commercial information and analysis based on client's requirements. This framework will be open for use by UK contracting authorities as defined in Article 1(9) of Directive 2004/18/EC which shall include but not be limited to state, regional or local authorities, NHS bodies, police authorities and educational establishments.

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

67150000, 67151000.

**II.1.7) Contract covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA):**

Yes.

**II.1.8) Division into lots:**

No.

**II.1.9) Variants will be accepted:**

No.

**II.2) QUANTITY OR SCOPE OF THE CONTRACT**

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

**II.2.2) Options:**

**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:**

Tenderers will be advised as to the exact nature, type or level of guarantee or deposit required, if any.

**III.1.2) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions regulating 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) Other particular conditions to which the performance of the contract is subject:**

Yes.

Tenderers will be advised of any other particular conditions to which the performance of the contract is subject in the invitation to tender.

**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 capacity:**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met: As set out in the pre-Qualification Questionnaire.

**III.2.3) Technical capacity:**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met: As set out in the pre-Qualification Questionnaire.

**III.2.4) Reserved contracts:**

No.

**III.3) CONDITIONS SPECIFIC TO SERVICES CONTRACTS**

**III.3.1) Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession:**

No.

**III.3.2) Legal entities should indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff responsible for the execution of the service:**

No.

**SECTION IV: PROCEDURE**

**IV.1) TYPE OF PROCEDURE**

**IV.1.1) Type of procedure:**

Restricted.

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

Envisaged minimum number: 5. Maximum number: 10

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Our current market knowledge suggests that at present a finite number of suppliers exist who are geared up and capable of carrying out these services, therefore, a maximum of 10 operators being invited to tender or participate would be a sufficiently large number.

**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) An electronic auction will be used:**

No.

**IV.3) ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**IV.3.1) File reference number attributed by the contracting authority:**

OGC/121.

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

No.

**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:**  
30.10.2006.
- 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:**
- IV.3.8) **Conditions for opening tenders:**

**SECTION VI: COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

- VI.1) **THIS IS A RECURRENT PROCUREMENT:**
- VI.2) **CONTRACT RELATED TO A PROJECT AND/OR PROGRAMME FINANCED BY EU FUNDS:**
- VI.3) **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**
- VI.4) **PROCEDURES FOR APPEAL**
- VI.4.1) **Body responsible for appeal procedures:**
- 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:**  
22.9.2006.