

Audit Commission – Outsourcing strategy

Issue of invitations to tender

The Audit Commission has issued Invitations to Tender (ITTs) to 13 potential providers who have met the pre qualification requirements in relation to the principal bodies' procurement.

Potential providers issued with the ITT:

- BDO LLP
- DA Partnership Ltd
- Deloitte LLP
- Ernst & Young LLP
- Grant Thornton (UK) LLP
- Consortium led by Haines Watts
- KPMG LLP
- Menzies LLP
- Consortium led by MHA Audit LLP
- Consortium led by Moore Stephens LLP
- PKF (UK) LLP
- PWC LLP
- RSM Tenon Audit Ltd

Tenderers have until 5pm on 16 December to submit their completed Tender Response, in accordance with the timetable outlined below.

Timetable for outsourcing process

Following confirmation of the outsourcing of all local audit work from 2012/13, the Audit Commission is now able to provide further details about the timetable for the principal bodies' and small bodies' procurements.

The table below provides the key milestones currently planned for each of the procurements. This is intended as a guide and while the Commission does not intend to depart from the timetable it reserves the right to do so at any stage.

Key milestone	Principal bodies' procurement	Small bodies' procurement
Issue Contract Notices in the Official Journal of the European Union	5 September 2011	5 September 2011
Issue pre-qualification questionnaires (PQQ) on request	From 5 September 2011	From 5 September 2011
Deadline for return of PQQs	7 October 2011	7 October 2011
Issue invitations to tender and anonymised TUPE information to selected suppliers	w/c 24 October 2011	w/c 7 November 2011
Deadline for submission of tenders	16 December 2011	6 January 2012
Approval of contract awards	w/c 20 February 2012	w/c 19 March 2012
Consultation with audited bodies on appointments	23 April - 13 July 2012	7 May - 6 July 2012
Approval of auditor appointments	w/c 23 July 2012	w/c 9 July 2012
Appointments for 2012/13 commence	1 September 2012	1 September 2012
Staff transfer to firms awarded contracts	31 October 2012	31 October 2012