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Internal Audit, Assurance, and Counter Fraud Investigation Services

Framework Agreement



About YPO

YPO provides procurement solutions for public sector organisations to set up or renew contracts for a wide range of services.

Established in 1974 by a group of 13 local authorities, we're the UK's largest public sector buying organisation and we're still 100% publicly owned today. We work closely with our suppliers and collaborate with other public sector buying organisations to achieve efficiencies and value for money, returning all our profits back into the heart of the public sector. Our team of qualified procurement professionals can offer advice, guidance and expertise on procurement, as well as regular engagement and communication to make sure your objectives are achieved.



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Overview

Start date

08.05.2024

Expiry date

07.05.2026

Extension(s) (if applicable)

2 x 12 months until 7th May 2028 **Contracting**

authority (CA) call-off period

CA's can specify a contract period, based on the term that will best suit their requirements. YPO generally recommend a call-off period of no longer than 4 years.

Contract notice reference number

YPO001-DN604962-00527656

Rebate

1% paid by supplier/provider

Geographical location(s)

National/Regional

Specification, overview and lot structure

This Framework provides a compliant, cost-effective route to market for internal audit, assurance, and counter fraud investigation services, to all Public Sector organisations, across two lots – Lot 2, Internal Audit and Assurance, and Lot 3, Counter Fraud Investigation Services:

Lot 2, Internal Audit and Assurance offers internal audit, agreed upon procedures, assurance, and advisory engagements delivered in accordance with Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS). Providers are able to assist the Contracting Authority in maintaining effective controls by evaluating adequacy, effectiveness, and efficiency, and by promoting continuous improvement.

Providers will work to identify and assess appropriate and relevant information, and evaluate the Contracting Authority's governance, operations, and information systems in line with:

- Achievement of Contracting Authority's strategic objectives
- Reliability and integrity of financial and operational information
- Effectiveness and efficiency of operations and programs
- Safeguarding of assets
- Compliance with laws, regulations, policies, procedures, and contracts.

Smaller engagements such as Agreed Upon Procedures, Assurance, or Advisory Engagements covering the same criteria, adjusted proportionately to the engagement, are also permitted.

Under **Lot 3, Counter Fraud Investigation Services**, both proactive and reactive counter fraud investigation services are available. Providers will evaluate Contracting Authorities' risk of fraud and suggest improvements where necessary, and also active fraud scenarios where the Contracting Authority has become a victim of fraud. Providers are able to assist the whole public sector, including the NHS.



Benefits of using the framework

YPO's framework agreements are established to allow customers to purchase goods, works or services from suppliers/providers via either direct award or further competition. Benefits of using the framework agreement:

- YPO can fully manage the customers further competition (call-off) process if required
- Pricing established for Direct Award, enabling a streamlined and compliant route to market Benefits of using the framework
- Reduced timescales – customers do not need to run a full open procurement if procuring via the framework agreement
- Assured supplier standards – suppliers/providers are 'pre-qualified' as to their general suitability
- Aggregation of spend – customers will receive the benefits of the aggregated spend volume and increased leverage in the market
- Pre-defined terms and conditions – when awarding contracts customers have the option to use YPO's standard framework agreement terms and conditions as established or use their own terms and condition



Framework providers

Lot 2: Internal Audit and Assurance:

- Azets PS Limited
- BDO LLP
- Devon Audit Partnership
- Neauven Consult Limited
- Pricewaterhousecoopers LLP (PWC)
- Secretariat Partners UK LLP
- Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust T/A SAFE - Security and Fraud Experts
- Veritau LTD
- WBG Services LLP
- Haines Watts Controls & Assurance Ltd (Validera)

Lot 3: Counter Fraud Investigation Services

- Azets PS Limited
- BDO LLP
- Secretariat Partners UK LLP
- Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust T/A SAFE - Security and Fraud Experts
- Veritau LTD

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Geographical coverage

The following table illustrates the suppliers included on the framework (in alphabetical order, they are not ranked in any way) and the geographical areas they are able to service under the scope of this framework.

Supplier/ Provider	Azets PS Limited	BDO LLP	Devon Audit Partnership	Neuven Consult Limited	PWC	Secretariat and Fraud Experts	Security Validera	Veritau Ltd	Wylie & Bisset
Nationwide	○			○	○	○	○		○
East Midlands		○	○					○	
East of England		○							
North East England		○						○	
North West England		○						○	
South East England		○	○						
South West England		○	○						
West Midlands		○	○					○	
Yorkshire and Humberside		○						○	
London		○	○						
Scotland		○							
Wales		○	○						
Northern Ireland									

How to award/call-off from the framework

Following completion of the Access Agreement, any contracting authority may award a call-off agreement under this framework agreement (Internal Audit, Assurance, and Counter Fraud Investigation Services) through either direct award or further competition procedure.

Direct Award Procedure

The contracting authority has the option to award this call-off contract under this framework agreement through direct award with the provider of its choice, following its own internal procedures. Contracting authorities should consult with the provider regarding their requirement so that the Provider may assess the required resource for the engagement, and so Contracting authorities may be satisfied that the Provider's terms of business/engagement are acceptable.

The call-off agreement shall include:

- Contracting authority Specification
- Agreed Service Level Agreement and KPI's
- Agreed fees
- Provider's terms of business/engagement

Further Competition

If you would like to run a Further Competition, please contact financialservices@ypo.co.uk.

Terms and conditions

Suppliers/providers awarded to the framework agreement have agreed to and signed YPO's standard Terms and Conditions. These can be amended by the CA and supplier/provider by mutual agreement to include additional terms to supplement the standard Terms and Conditions. A variation form is included in the standard Terms and Conditions document to allow customers and suppliers/providers to amend any terms if required.

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