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Managing Recruitment and Resourcing

Lot 7:
Recruitment Process Outsourcing





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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 one of 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.

Overview

Start date

26 February 2024

Expiry date

25 February 2028

Extension Taken

1 X 24 months

Contracting authority (CA) call-off period

CAs can specify a contract period, based on the term that will best suit their requirements.

Contract notice reference number

2023/S 000-030085

Potential maximum value

£5,000,000,000

Rebate

- 1% rebate applies on spend
- Any optional services will be 0.5% rebate of the total spend

Geographical location(s)

National

Framework structure

The Framework, Managing Recruitment and Resourcing – 1140, is split into eleven lots and has been designed to meet the everchanging needs of the public sector in respect of their recruitment and resourcing requirements.

Lot	Description
01	Managed Service for Temporary Recruitment for Local Authorities
02	Managed Service for Temporary Recruitment for Central Government
03	Managed Service for Temporary Recruitment for Housing
04	Managed Service for Temporary Recruitment for Higher Education
05	Managed Service for Temporary Recruitment for Emergency Services
06	Managed Service for Temporary Recruitment for all sectors
07	Recruitment Process Outsourcing
08	Recruit Train Deploy
09	Emerging Talent Recruitment
10	Total Talent Management
11	Vendor Management Systems

The framework was created to deliver a recruitment solution for all areas of the public sector. Lots 1–6 are for a managed service for temporary recruitment. Contracting Authorities can pick the Lot which is relevant to them.

This user guide is for Lot 7 – Recruitment Process Outsourcing.

User guides are available for all other lots [online](#) or by emailing hrrsolutions@ypo.co.uk.

Recruitment process outsourcing (RPO) is a process where all or part of your permanent recruitment services are outsourced or transferred to an external provider. RPO can be delivered in 3 models: fully outsourced, modular, or project-based.

The RPO provider will manage the recruitment strategy for the Contracting Authority and support in achieving all recruitment challenges. The strategy may be for all types of recruitment or it may be for particular elements of recruitment roles such as temporary, permanent, ‘a category’ of worker or specific department within a Contracting Authority.

Specification and overview

Lot 7 of this Framework provides a complaint route to market for all public sector organisations seeking access to Recruitment Process Outsourcing (RPO).

Recruitment Process Outsourcing is typically a process whereby some or all elements of permanent recruitment services are outsourced to a Provider, sometimes replacing or enhancing work performed in house. The Provider assumes responsibility for the outsourced services and manages the Contracting Authority's recruitment process, or part of the process.

While it is understood that RPO is typically applied for permanent recruitment requirements, a Contracting Authority can seek to incorporate their temporary agency worker recruitment within the solution if they wish to do so.

A Contracting Authority may seek to implement RPO in respect of their organisation's entire recruitment requirements or in respect of a specific category of roles within their organisations. The service models outlined to the right can be applied in whatever manner is required to meet the Contracting Authority's needs.

In delivering RPO services, the Supplier shall aim to:

- Ensure hiring managers have the right candidates in place in an acceptable and reduced timeframe as outlined by the Contracting Authority
- Deliver successful recruitment with high quality candidates which meet the requirements of the Contracting Authority

- Deliver an efficient service which provides value for money and improves the recruitment process of the Contracting Authority
- Reduce overload of in-house teams, regardless of the delivery model engaged
- Develop and protect the Contracting Authority's brand
- Align and deliver against workforce planning in respect of the Contracting Authority's wider business strategy
- Support development of a successful recruitment strategy, in line with any specific Contracting Authority policies and procedures
- Ensure successful knowledge transfer to existing teams within the Contracting Authority

Available RPO Models:

1. Fully Outsourced RPO

A fully outsourced RPO shall take effect where all elements of the recruitment process are outsourced to the Supplier. When delivering this model, the Supplier essentially becomes part of the Contracting Authority's recruitment team.

2. Modular RPO

A modular RPO is delivered where particular elements of the recruitment process are outsourced to the Supplier. The outsourced elements can be determined by the Contracting Authority and there is no minimum requirement as to which elements of the process must be outsourced for modular RPO to apply.

3. Project RPO

Project RPO can incorporate the two models outlined above, but rather than all recruitment requirements being outsourced, the requirements are demand driven. For example, the requirements may be for fully outsourced RPO in respect of a specific project only.

A Contracting Authority can either outline their requirements for Supplier's to design a solution for them, or they can stipulate which of the specific models they require to best deliver against their needs.

Optional Services:

The framework allows the Contracting Authority to add on optional services within their requirements. These may be outlined in the initial call-off request by the Contracting Authority or be added at any point during the life of the call-off.

The aim of adding optional services is to allow Contracting Authorities to create a bespoke HR solution if they wish and/or allows a Contracting Authorities to procure all their HR requirements from a single provider, to support their talent strategy.

We have established a list of optional services that is not exhaustive. To review, please email hrrsolutions@ypo.co.uk. We are aware all HR departments are likely to have unique titles for different types of services.

How to use the framework

To access the framework agreement, customers should complete and return the Non-Disclosure Agreement.

Contracting Authorities will have the ability to direct award or carry out a further competition through this Lot and each further competition will be available to all providers on the Lot. Pre-market engagement is encouraged at this stage to inform providers of the opportunity and boost participation. It will then be down to the providers if they decide to bid based on the services you require.

While creating a further competition or direct award for their RPO requirements, a Contracting Authority can specify any optional services that may be required. Please note that providers can add more optional services to their offerings throughout the duration of the Framework. A Contracting Authority may wish to add on optional services at any point of the call-off contract.

Direct award

A Direct Award can be carried out to appoint the provider that the Contracting Authority has reviewed to be the most suitable for the services they require.

A Direct Award can be made to a Provider if the participating Contracting Authority can demonstrate the selected Provider offers the most economically advantageous offer for their individual requirements, this will include the ranked evaluation, cost/price/quality/social value and sustainability scores and/or objective justifications in line with the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

The pricing provided in the tender submission for this framework will then be the pricing that the managed service provider and Contracting Authority adhere to. YPO will not be responsible or liable in any way for the award in relation to any direct call-off contract.

The Contracting Authority, where possible, should list any potentially relevant optional services within the call-off contract.

It will be the Contracting Authority's responsibility to carry out their own due diligence within this framework to ensure they have procured in compliance with any relevant regulations.



Carrying out your further competition

This framework will allow Contracting Authorities to carry out a further competition with all providers listed on this Lot.

All RPO providers on this Lot will have the opportunity to bid for each further competition. Contracting Authorities will reserve the right to define their RPO requirement by either outlining their specific needs within their own specification, or they may ask providers to present a bespoke solution based on their requirements.

Contracting Authorities can carry out a further competition based on cost, quality and social value, the scoring criteria will be stipulated in each further competition. The Contracting Authority can carry out a further competition on their temporary recruitment requirements only or include optional services as part of their further competition and call-off contract. Optional services may be implemented at any point of the call-off contract.

The Contracting Authority, where possible, should list any potentially relevant optional services within the call-off contract.

The Contracting Authority shall conduct their Further Competition based on their defined scoring criteria, which will be outlined within their further-competition documentation.

Please see the criteria and weighting ranges below:

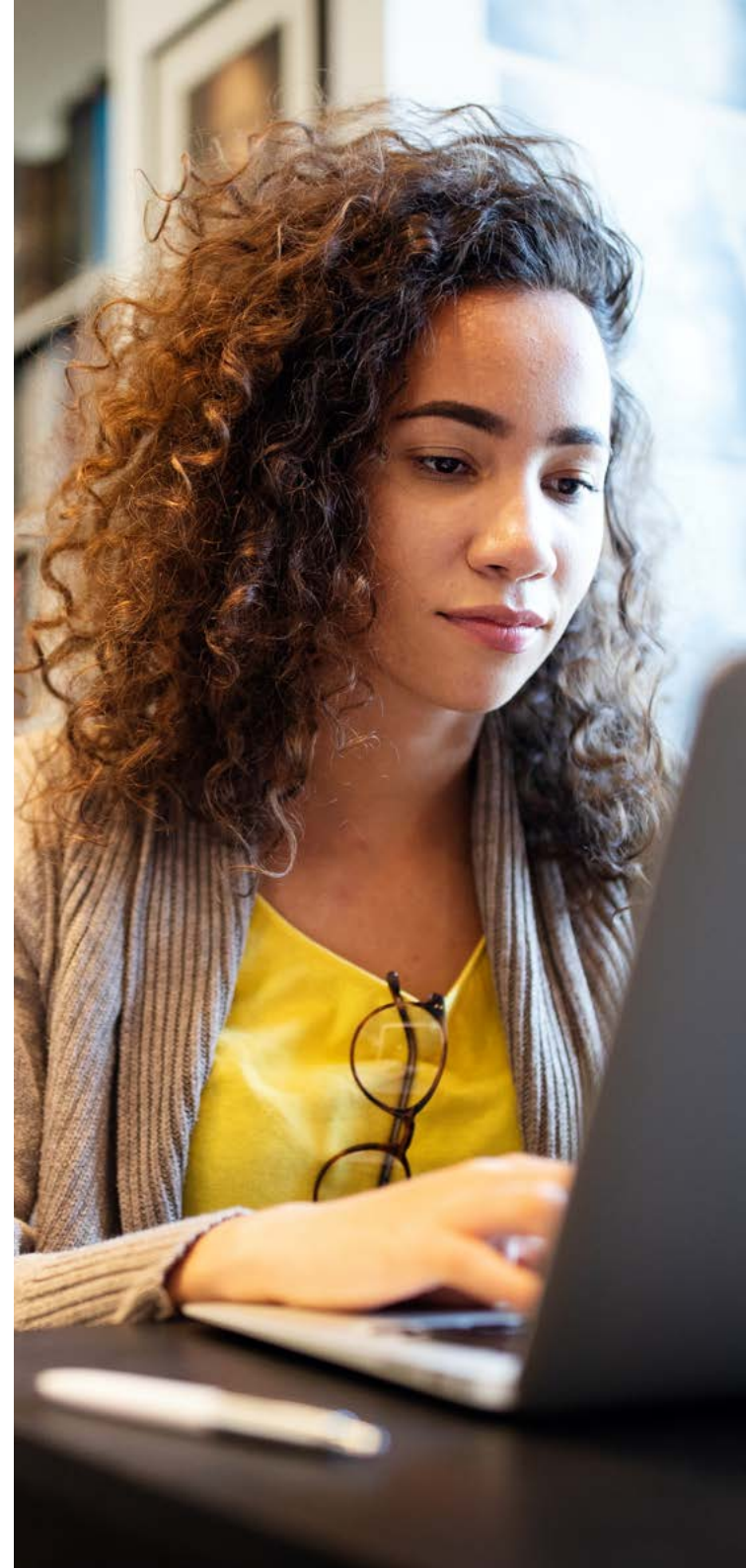
Criteria for further competitions	Range
Cost	20-60%
Quality	20-60%
Social Value / Sustainability	10-30%

Contracting Authorities may amend weightings to suit their own needs at their own risk within +/- 20% of Framework weighting, as stipulated by the ranges above. The total percentage must add up to 100%.

The criteria for cost, quality and social value can be re-opened in full for evaluation within the further competition, or scores may be carried through from the Framework Establishment stage.

Contracting Authorities should set appropriate KPIs and/or service levels within their call-off contract.

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Tips to procuring these services

- Understand the categories of workers within scope of your Recruitment Process Outsourcing requirements and how this relates to your wider talent strategy
- Understand the pricing structure that will best suit your requirements. We used volume and modular schedules to ensure that all pricing was transparent depending on the customers' actual requirements
- Ensure you have all the latest sector updates before making your decisions
- Engage with Providers prior to a direct award or further competition to ensure they understand your current position, your vision moving forward and any developments in service delivery
- Instead of focusing on a particular model, think about the solution that is required and let the Providers in the market create you a model to fit your needs or align your need to a model you require
- Could social value be part of the specification? How could providers help in this area?
- Ensure your RPO specification is in line with your recruitment strategy
- Are you aware of how technology is developing in the recruitment sector?
- Are there any other services you would like to procure alongside your RPO requirements? These could be procured as part of the optional services.



Benefits of using a YPO framework agreement

- Support from YPO to help you find the right solution based on your recruitment strategy, including help to create specifications, pricing documents and all other procurement documents. We can help as much or as little as you like.
- We can provide market sector updates and support through webinars, 1-2-1 meetings and emails
- All providers on the framework have been 'pre-qualified' to deliver a managed service for temporary recruitment
- YPO can fully manage your further competition process if required
- Reduced timescales – you do not need to run a full above threshold procurement if procuring via the framework agreement
- Aggregation of spend – you will receive the benefits of the aggregated spend volume and increased leverage in the market
- Pre-defined terms and conditions
- Through this Framework, social value/sustainability can be delivered via Call-off Contracts and engagement with a Contracting Authority, or via the Framework directly by virtue of the Provider's corporate social responsibility and own social value commitments.



Providers

Below is a list of the providers awarded to the framework for this Lot.

- Adecco (UK) Ltd
- Alexander Mann Solutions Limited
- GI Recruitment Ltd
- Goodman Masson Limited
- Green Park Interim and Executive Ltd
- Hays Specialist Recruitment Ltd
- Omni Resource Management Solutions Ltd
- PeopleScout Limited t/a TMP Worldwide
- Peregrine International Limited
- Reed Specialist Recruitment Ltd
- Retinue Solutions Limited
- Tate Recruitment Ltd

Terms and conditions

Providers awarded to the framework agreement have agreed to and signed YPO's framework terms and conditions.

Providers have also agreed and reviewed the call-off terms and conditions; however, it is understood that some specific terms may need amending to meet the needs of the Contracting Authority and Provider. These can be amended by the Contracting Authority and the Provider by mutual agreement to include additional terms to supplement the standard call-off terms and conditions. A variation form is included within the order form and call-off terms and conditions document to allow customers and providers to amend any terms if required.

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