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Contract

## **Women Returners**

Skills Development Scotland Co. Limited

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-000348

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02cae8

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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Glasgow

G2 1DY

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#### **Telephone**

+44 1412256710

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk](http://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk)

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA12862](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA12862)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Other type

NDPB

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Women Returners

Reference number

P21-038

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

SDS has a requirement to procure, on behalf of the Scottish Government, the delivery of Women Returner programme, which aims to support women returners across Scotland who have had a career break of 6 months or more due to childcare, other care or health commitments or have multiple barriers to employment, e.g. older women (over 50 years of age), disabled women, lone parents, minority ethnic women, women affected by domestic abuse, women from rural or SIMD areas, female veterans/spouses of veterans and also focus on sectors where women are significantly underrepresented in the workforce and at senior levels.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £1,362,797

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

- 80500000 - Training services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The delivery of Women Returner programme, which aims to support women returners across Scotland who have had a career break of 6 months or more due to childcare, other care or health commitments or have multiple barriers to employment, e.g. older women (over 50 years of age), disabled women, lone parents, minority ethnic women, women affected by domestic abuse, women from rural or SIMD areas, female veterans/spouses of veterans and also focus on sectors where women are significantly underrepresented in the workforce and at senior levels.

The Programme will support activities that enable the participants to address the barriers that are preventing them from moving along the strategic skills pipeline and allow them to progress to the next stage e.g. employment, education, or training.

Experience of delivering same or similar services are defined as Employability interventions, such as Employability Fund, Fair Start Scotland, Work Able Scotland, Women Returner Initiatives, National Transition Training Fund or Work Programme. Modern Apprenticeships, Work Based Learning and Individual Training Accounts would not be deemed as similar.

Please note that the relevant selection criteria is included in the SPD Scotland Module - Part 2 Information concerning the bidder, Part 3 Exclusions Grounds and Part 4 Selection Criteria - these are pass/fail criteria

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public

Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Form of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure**

The scope of services to be provided under this contract falls within the definition of social and other specific services in Schedule 3 to the

Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the regulations") and therefore the procurement process shall in accordance with Regulation 74 of the

Regulation be subject to the requirement of Section 7 of the Regulations. By virtue of regulation 76(3) of the regulations, bidders in any of

the situations listed in regulation 58 of the Regulation may be excluded.

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-017274](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

4 October 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 17

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 17

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 17

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 17

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

ENABLE Scotland

INSPIRE House, 3 Renshaw Place, Eurocentral

Lanarkshire

ML1 4UF

Telephone

+44 1698737000

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Sustainable Aquaculture Innovation Centre

Unit 19 Scion House, Stirling University Innovation Park

Stirling

FK9 4NF

Telephone

+44 7914327864

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM77 - Perth & Kinross and Stirling

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

AAI EmployAbility

c/o Digby Brown, 160 Causewayside

Edinburgh

EH9 1PR

Telephone

+44 1316770340

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Code Division Learning Centre

33 Bolivar Terrace

Glasgow

G429AT

Telephone

+44 7775444151

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

The Challenges Group

7, Montgomery Street Lane

Edinburgh

EH7 5JT

Telephone

+44 7756299639

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

East Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce

c/o 1 Golf Road

Clarkston



G76 7HU

Telephone

+44 1412550465

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM83 - Inverclyde, East Renfrewshire and Renfrewshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Right Options

4-5 Summit House, Mitchell Street

Edinburgh

EH6 7BD

Telephone

+44 7738367165

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

The People Portfolio

24 TOWERHILL AVENUE, KILMAURS

KILMARNOCK

KA3 2TS

Telephone

+44 7377969172

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Tigers Ltd

Office 33, Floor 3, Hydepark Business Centre, 60 Mollinsburn Street,

Glasgow,

G21 4SF

Telephone

+44 1417715200

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Triage Central Limited

Earlsgate House, 35 St Ninians Road

Stirling

FK8 2HE

Telephone

+44 1786451513

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM77 - Perth & Kinross and Stirling

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Virtual Internships

80-83 Long Lane

London

EC1A 9ET

Telephone

+44 7538173857

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Women Returners

20-22 Wenlock Road

London

N17GU

Telephone

+44 7815430251

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £1,800,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,362,797

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Stage 2 Award Criteria - Quality 80%;Cost 20%

Scoring methodology will be used for each of the award criteria of 0-4 as stated in the ITT document.

SDS in awarding places will award up to the estimated budget and or number of places specified or less, as appropriate.

The value is upto 1.5m GBP for year 1 2021-March2022 and/or upto 1500 participants. A further optional 1 year extension period is available to 2022-2023 for up to 1.5m GBP as SDS Discretion

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### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

The Sheriff Clerk's Office

1 Carlton Place

Glasgow

G5 9DA

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Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/the-courts/court-locations/glasgow-sheriff-court-and-justice-of-the-peace-court>