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Planning

Transport and Island Connectivity, Planning, Appraisal, Data and Modelling Services

Transport Scotland

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00099

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Transport

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Transport and Island Connectivity, Planning, Appraisal, Data and Modelling Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71311200 - Transport systems consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Transport Scotland, on behalf of the Scottish Ministers, has identified an on-going need for the services of experienced consultants to carry out services in connection with Transport and Island Connectivity Planning, Appraisal, Data and Modelling Services.

Transport Scotland, on behalf of the Scottish Ministers, wishes to progress a procurement competition for a Multi-Supplier Framework Agreement.

The Framework Agreement, to cover 3 years with a 1-year extension option, will be available for use by Regional Transport Partnerships and other Scottish Government Directorates.

The framework will consist of a number of Lots. The following list may expand or be consolidated following market engagement:

- Lot 1 is for Transport Modelling and Data services relating to Transport Planning;
- Lot 2 is for Advice on the Case for Transport Investment;
- Lot 3 is for Island Connectivity Advisory and Support
- Lot 4 is for Transport Planning Advisory and Support

It is proposed that each Lot will comprise a minimum of 3 suppliers and a maximum of 5 suppliers.

It is proposed that Call-off contracts less than 100 000 GBP may be called off on rotation.

Any call-off contract may, and all call-off contracts greater than 100 000 GBP will, be awarded through a mini-competition.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £9,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Transport Modelling and Data services relating to Transport Planning

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71311210 - Highways consultancy services
- 71318000 - Advisory and consultative engineering services
- 71621000 - Technical analysis or consultancy services
- 71311000 - Civil engineering consultancy services
- 71311230 - Railway engineering services
- 79310000 - Market research services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To develop transport focussed models and data services to support the testing of transport interventions (policy, programme, project) in Scotland.

To maintain the suite of transport focussed models and data services.

To apply any of the suite of transport focussed models and data services.

Maintenance and Application will be required of the existing suite of models (see www.transport.gov.scot/latis for more information on the existing models). Transport Scotland, working with the Regional Transport Partnerships have a suite of transport focussed national and sub-national models. All these models have a pre-COVID19 base year and were developed before the publication of the second National Transport Strategy.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Advice on the Case for Investment for Transport Outcomes

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71311210 - Highways consultancy services
- 71318000 - Advisory and consultative engineering services
- 71621000 - Technical analysis or consultancy services
- 71311000 - Civil engineering consultancy services
- 71311230 - Railway engineering services
- 79310000 - Market research services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To undertake, advise / review, and audit business cases for interventions to deliver transport outcomes.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Transport Planning Advice

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71311210 - Highways consultancy services
- 71318000 - Advisory and consultative engineering services
- 71621000 - Technical analysis or consultancy services
- 71311000 - Civil engineering consultancy services
- 71311230 - Railway engineering services
- 79310000 - Market research services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To provide transport planning advisory services. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Advice relating to transport and Development Plans, and City and Region Growth Deals (or equivalent)
- Audit of development and application of land-use, transport and traffic models.
- Evaluation of transport projects.
- Transport Strategy Development
- Stakeholder Engagement

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Island Connectivity Advisory and Support

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services
- 79411000 - General management consultancy services
- 71621000 - Technical analysis or consultancy services
- 71318000 - Advisory and consultative engineering services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of advice and support in the context of island and peninsula transport connectivity (including maritime, air services and connecting public transport and active travel). This may include: support in developing island connectivity strategy, policy and legislation; modelling and analysis; assessment of transport markets and competition; demand analysis and forecasting; measurement of benefits; monitoring and evaluation of transport services and infrastructure; costing and revenue studies; application of the Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance in a maritime and island transport connectivity context including through Community Needs Assessments; advice on maritime operations and timetabling; supporting the implementation and review of the Islands Connectivity Plan; consideration of vessel design options and harbour infrastructure requirements (including environmental impacts) to support business cases; undertaking impact assessments; supporting consultation processes and procedures and undertaking consultation events, workshops and presentations with or on behalf of Transport Scotland; supporting the drafting of technical and commercial air and maritime related procurement and contract clauses.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 June 2026

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Transport Scotland will conduct the proposed procurement process for the Framework on behalf of the Scottish Ministers.

In the event of the conclusion of the tender process, it is the intention that a Framework Agreement will be entered into between the Scottish Ministers and the most economically advantageous tenderers.

It is proposed that Market Engagement Sessions will be held online. Lot 1 – 27 January 10:00 to 11:00, Lot 2 – 28 Jan 10:00 to 11:00, Lot 3 – 29 Jan 10:00 to 11:00, Lot 4 – 30 Jan 10:00 to 11:00. Attendance is restricted to two representatives per company at each session and to facilitate admission to the event, the names of proposed attendees should be emailed in advance to the contact person for this market engagement - (latis@transport.gov.scot).

The intention of the Information Sessions is to enable potential suppliers to better understand the scope of the contract and the procurement process, such that a productive procurement competition can be achieved.

Transport Scotland encourages SMEs, Third Sector organisations and Supported Businesses to participate in bidding for the framework.

Transport Scotland will manage this process in an open and transparent manner to maximise the possible benefits. Participation or non-participation at this Information Session will not preclude suppliers or cause advantage/disadvantage to any supplier's ability to participate in this procurement.

Transport Scotland and the Scottish Ministers shall have no liability for any costs however incurred by those attending the online Information Session, attendance at subsequent meetings, or involvement in the procurement competition.

Direct or indirect canvassing of any Transport Scotland official concerning this

procurement, or any attempt to procure information from any Transport Scotland official concerning this Prior Information Notice (PIN) outside of the formal process described in this document may result in the disqualification of the supplier from this procurement, and consideration in any future procurement activity.

No information contained in this document or in any communication made between Transport Scotland and any supplier in connection with this document shall be relied upon as constituting a contract, agreement or representation that any contract shall be offered in accordance with this document.

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