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## **Evaluation of Cancer Strategy for Scotland**

Scottish Government

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-042c34

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Scottish Government

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Glasgow

G2 8EA

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#### **Telephone**

+44 7392287522

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10482](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10482)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Evaluation of Cancer Strategy for Scotland

Reference number

685267

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

- 73110000 - Research services

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

Services

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

The Scottish Government has a requirement to place a contract with an external service provider for the provision of the Evaluation of Cancer Strategy for Scotland.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £180,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 73110000 - Research services
- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services
- 75122000 - Administrative healthcare services
- 71317200 - Health and safety services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

The Scottish Government has a requirement to place a contract with an external service provider for the provision of the Evaluation of Cancer Strategy for Scotland.

Aligned to priorities highlighted in the Policy Prospectus and Care and Wellbeing Portfolio, this project seeks to provide evidence to understand the effects and impacts of cancer policy actions on people affected by cancer. The aim is to provide insights to evaluate who progresses smoothly (or not) along the pathway, in what way, and why, and what barriers (if any) are experienced. This will include evidence about how different elements or models of support work along the pathway, and how the pathway is experienced by different demographic groups, with a focus on those who have been underserved historically. In looking along the pathway, it will be important to focus on two initiatives that are being implemented in NHS Boards to support people affected by cancer along the pathway: Improving the Cancer Journey (Action 94, 2023-2036 Action Plan) and a Single Point of Contact (Action 95, 2023-2036 Action Plan). To support the ambition to tackle health inequalities, evidence should be gathered from individuals and groups who experience socio-economic inequalities, racism and discrimination, and in rural and island communities, where there are particular challenges in providing equity of access, as highlighted in the Cancer Strategy. Data will contribute evidence connected with high-level strategic outcomes of the Cancer Strategy: improved experience of services and optimised quality of life, which themselves contribute to the strategic aim to improve cancer survival and provide excellent, equitably accessible care.

The contract will be for a period of up to 24 months with the option to extend for an additional 3 months

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Understanding the Requirement / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Evaluation Design and Methodology / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Staff / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Project Management and Risk / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Cyber and Data Security / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Climate Emergency / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Community Benefits / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Work / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Business Security and Disaster Recovery / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 30

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £180,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

this contract has an optional extension of a further 3 months

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **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**

Some question will have a minimum pass mark of 2 suppliers who do not meet the minimum score of 2 will not proceed to commercial evaluation.

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

SPD 4B.4

Bidders must demonstrate a Current Ratio of no less than 1.0.

Current Ratio will be calculated as follows:

net current assets divided by net current liabilities.

There must be no qualification or contra-indication from any evidence provided in support of the bidders economic and financial standing.

SPD Statement for 4B.5

It is a requirement of this contract that bidders hold or can commit to obtain prior to the commencement of any

contract, the insurances indicated below:

Employer's (Compulsory) Liability Insurance = 5 million GBP

Public Liability Insurance = 1 million GBP

Professional Indemnity Insurance = 1 million GBP

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

It shall be a condition of the Contract that, if required by the Scottish Government, the appointed Service Provider shall deliver a validly

executed Parent Company Guarantee in the form set out in the tender documents.

#### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to

performing the contract

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

15 February 2024

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

15 February 2024

Local time

2:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

SPD will be scored on a pass/fail basis.

The contract award criteria will be Price 30%/Quality 70 %.

Question Scoring Methodology for Award Criteria outlined in invitation to tender:

0 — Unacceptable. Nil or inadequate response. Fails to demonstrate an ability to meet the requirement.

1 — Poor. Response is partially relevant but generally poor. The response addresses some elements of the

requirement but contains insufficient/limited detail or explanation to demonstrate how the requirement will be

fulfilled.

2 — Acceptable. Response is relevant and acceptable. The response addresses a broad understanding of the

requirement but may lack details on how the requirement will be fulfilled in certain areas.

3 — Good. Response is relevant and good. The response is sufficiently detailed to demonstrate a good

understanding and provides details on how the requirements will be fulfilled.

4 — Excellent. Response is completely relevant and excellent overall.

Bidders must complete the SPD (Scotland) to demonstrate adherence to the Exclusion and Selection Criteria

for this procurement.

Bidders must confirm that they will include the standard clause in all contracts used in the



delivery of the requirements, ensuring payment

of subcontractors at all stages of the supply chain within 30 days and include a point of contact for subcontractors to refer to in the case of

payment difficulties. This will require active monitoring of payment performance and provision of evidence and reporting to the Scottish

Government on a regular basis.

Bidders who fail to answer “Yes” to this question will not have their tender considered further.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 25638. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

Community Benefits will be a scored Evaluation Criteria

SGPT Community Benefits Guidance - June 2021

The tenderer must provide a Community Benefits proposal that is relevant to the subject matter of this contract and supports the Scottish Ministers' commitment to contributing to the social, economic & environmental well-being of the people of Scotland, as described in the specification.

Tenderers should not provide details of any existing initiatives they already undertake as part of their day-to-day business and the community benefits proposed must be generated specifically for and as a result of this contract.

Good answers will demonstrate to evaluators that the tenderer has a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter of this contract and how the proposed benefits will reflect the national outcomes described in the Specification.

Proposals can be innovative but must be tangible and measurable, so that they can be monitored and reported throughout the contract.

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

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

Sherrif Court House

27 Chamber Street

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom