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Tender

Supply and Distribution of Fresh Fruit & Vegetables

Scotland Excel

F02: Contract notice

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8 February 2024, 12:00pm

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Scotland Excel

Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street

Paisley

PA1 1AR

Email

education.corporate@Scotland-excel.org.uk

Telephone

+44 1414888230

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM83 - Inverclyde, East Renfrewshire and Renfrewshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.scotland-excel.org.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10383

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>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Supply and Distribution of Fresh Fruit & Vegetables

Reference number

0823

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 03220000 - Vegetables, fruits and nuts

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

This Contract Notice is in relation to a new framework opportunity for the Supply & Distribution of Fresh Fruit & Vegetables.

It is anticipated that the scope of the products covered under the framework will include, but is not limited to, fresh apples, bananas, grapes,

pears, strawberries, carrots, turnip, cabbage, corn and other associated products.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £24,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 03220000 - Vegetables, fruits and nuts
- 03221200 - Fruit vegetables

- 03200000 - Cereals, potatoes, vegetables, fruits and nuts
- 03222230 - Grapefruit
- 03222200 - Citrus fruit
- 03222118 - Kiwi fruit
- 03222110 - Tropical fruit
- 03222100 - Tropical fruit and nuts
- 03222000 - Fruit and nuts
- 03212000 - Potatoes and dried vegetables
- 03221000 - Vegetables
- 03221110 - Root vegetables

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Throughout Scotland.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This Contract Notice is in relation to a new framework opportunity for the Supply & Distribution of Fresh Fruit & Vegetables.

Tenderers will be able to bid for one, any, or all local authority areas, where applicable.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 25

Price - Weighting: 75

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £24,000,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

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. Please see the Invitation to Tender contained on the PCS-Tender project relevant to this procurement and the other Procurement Documents for further information.

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

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

It is a requirement of the contracts to be procured under the proposed framework agreement that tenderers hold, or can commit to obtain prior to the commencement of any subsequently awarded contract, the types and levels of insurance indicated below:

Employer's (Compulsory) Liability Insurance – maintain a minimum indemnity limit of GBP 10 million in respect of each claim, and without limit to the number of claims.

Public Liability Insurance – maintain a minimum indemnity limit of GBP 10 million in respect of each claim, and without limit to the number of claims.

Product Liability Insurance – maintain a minimum indemnity limit of GBP 10 million in the aggregate.

Motor Vehicle Insurance – maintain a minimum indemnity limit of GBP 5 million for Property Damage, and unlimited in respect of Third-Party Injury.

OTHER ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS:

A search of the tenderer against Equifax's Protect must not return a 'Warning' or 'Caution' returnable code or any neutral code, unless the tenderer confirms that it can provide any other document which Scotland Excel considers appropriate to prove to Scotland Excel (acting within its permitted discretion under the applicable public procurement rules) that the tenderer does/would not present an unmanageable

risk should it be appointed on to the proposed Framework Agreement. Equifax's protect is a fraud indicator/credit risk search and analysis of five areas of threat in relation to a particular company: credit history; disqualification; validation and investigation bureau; connected data; and bureau information. For full details please see the Procurement Documents.

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

For full details of the conditions relevant to the proposed Framework, and contracts to be called-off there under (to the extent known or settled at this stage), please see the Procurement Documents (details of how to access these being set out in section "I.3 (Communication" of this Contract Notice)

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used

Additional information about electronic auction

Details provided by Councils at Call-off, where required.

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2023/S 000-024458](#)

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

Originally published as:

Date

5 February 2024

Local time

12:00pm

Changed to:

Date

8 February 2024

Local time

12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

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

5 February 2024

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

This Tender process is subject to the Law and Guidance applicable in Scotland relative to the award of public contracts including (without

limitation) as set out in the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, most recently amended to reflect the European Union exit by the

UK. This tender exercise has commenced after the UK withdrawal from the European Union and it has been conducted and concluded in

accordance with the Law, Guidance and procedures in force after the UK withdrawal on 31st December 2020. Any prior version of the relevant Law and Guidance, or terminology related thereto, which appears in these Procurement Documents should therefore be interpreted

and applied as currently in force. Scotland Excel, as a central purchasing body, is procuring this framework for the use and benefit of its 32 local authorities in Scotland, Tayside Contracts, associate members, NHS, Scottish Prison Service, Police Scotland, together with any Integration Authority, or other body, established pursuant to the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. Scotland Excel local authority members and associate members entitled to use this framework, are listed at

http://www.scotlandexcel.org.uk/home/Aboutus/Ourmembers/Our_members.aspx.

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. Tenderers are required to submit a price for a minimum % of items as detailed in the commercial Schedule of Offer.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 25317. 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:

In accordance with section 25(3) of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 note

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Court of Session

Edinburgh

EH1 1RQ

Country

United Kingdom

