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## **Supply and Distribution of Fresh Fruit & Vegetables**

Scotland Excel

F02: Contract notice

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

**8 February 2024, 12:00pm**

See the [change notice](#).

### **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](mailto: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](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

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## **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.

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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

##### **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)

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## **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

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**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](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

