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Award

Professional qualification for graduate and school leaver trainees

Audit Scotland

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Audit Scotland

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Edinburgh

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Email

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Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.audit-scotland.gov.uk

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00428

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Audit

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Professional qualification for graduate and school leaver trainees

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80510000 - Specialist training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a Voluntary Ex Ante Transparency (VEAT) Notice. Audit Scotland will be using ICAS (institute of Chartered Accounts of Scotland) as the accounting qualification provider for trainees (graduate and school leavers entry level).

ICAS are the only provider of the CA qualification. This qualification provides the training for both graduates and school leavers in a hybrid method with teaching locations in both Glasgow and Edinburgh.

This agreement will be for four years with the option to extend for a further year.

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: £925,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80510000 - Specialist training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This is a Voluntary Ex Ante Transparency (VEAT) Notice. Audit Scotland will continue to use ICAS (Institute of Chartered Accounts of Scotland) as the accounting qualification provider for trainees (graduate and entry level).

ICAS is the only provider of the chartered accountant qualification with the 'CA' designation and is the sole trainer for this qualification. ICAS is both the educator and examiner, including preparing the educational material used for the qualification. This includes accounting, assurance, business and ethics training to a 'chartered' level. The qualification is credit rated at Level 11 on the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF).

This qualification allows for the training of both graduate and entry level trainees in a hybrid method including providing face to face teaching across locations in Glasgow and Edinburgh.

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

Under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 33(b)(ii) competition is absent for technical reasons as follows:

ICAS is both the educator and examiner, including preparing the educational material used for the qualification. This includes accounting, assurance, business and ethics training to a 'chartered' level. ICAS CA qualification is the most appropriate accounting qualification for Audit Scotland trainees. ICAS are the only providers of this qualification and training.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

9 January 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

ICAS

CA House, 21 Haymarket Yards

Edinburgh

EH12 5BH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £925,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=719191.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

Sheriff Court House

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom