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Tender

Penetration testing and security consultancy

Scottish Natural Heritage

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKM62 - Inverness & Nairn and Moray, Badenoch & Strathspey

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.nature.scot>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00383

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

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Penetration testing and security consultancy

Reference number

PP1165

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72222300 - Information technology services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Scottish Natural Heritage (operating as 'NatureScot') wish to appoint one or more consultants to provide penetration testing and other ad hoc security consultancy services. The call-off contract(s) will be for 24 months initially, with the option to extend by a further 12 months.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £150,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72222300 - Information technology services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - SCOTLAND

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The contract is also expected to be used by Forestry & Land Scotland (FLS) and the estimated contract value detailed below is based on combined contract spend by both NatureScot and FLS.

Full details of the services required and evaluation criteria will be set out in a Statement of Requirements at Stage 2, but the three key areas are:

- external/internal manual penetration testing, social engineering & firewall configuration/testing, PSN compliance
- advice on ISO27001 (including GAP analysis etc.), BCP, security policy framework, Cyber Essentials / Plus review & certification
- automated penetration testing.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £150,000

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

Duration in months

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Optional 12-month extension.

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged number of candidates: 6

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

The number of candidates short-listed to Stage 2 (Invitation to Tender) will very much depend on the volume and quality of SPD responses received at Stage 1.

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

All completed SPDs at Stage 1 must be submitted via the Public Contracts Scotland portal. Please ensure you allow enough time to upload your response.

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

Please see Questions 4B5a, 4B5b & 4B5c of the SPD for details of insurance requirements. Evidence of cover will only be requested from the successful bidder(s).

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

Please refer to Question 4C1.2 of the SPD for details of the weighted selection criterion that will be used to short-list candidates to Stage 2.

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted 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

22 February 2021

Local time

5:00pm

IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

1 March 2021

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: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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 is a two-stage 'restricted' procurement exercise. Only completed SPDs are requested at this stage. The candidates providing the most suitable/relevant responses to Question 4C1.2 of the SPD, assuming they pass the SPD mandatory exclusion questions, will be short-listed to Stage 2 and invited to submit a formal tender.

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Download the ESPD document here:

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=641863

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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