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## **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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United Kingdom

**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](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

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

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

National or federal Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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## **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**

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.

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

24

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.

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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

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

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## **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)

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

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

Inverness Sheriff Court

Inverness Justice Centre, Longman Road



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