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Tender

Provision of Refugee Resettlement Programmes – ESOL for Language & Employability Framework Agreement

The Highland Council
High Life Highland

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See the [change notice](#).

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

The Highland Council

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00045

I.1) Name and addresses

High Life Highland

12-13 Ardross Street

Inverness

IV3 5NS

Email

hlh.business.support@highlifehighland.com

Telephone

+44 1349781700

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.highlifehighland.com>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA23042

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

I.3) Communication

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/esop/pts-host/public/pts/web/login.html>

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/esop/pts-host/public/pts/web/login.html>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of Refugee Resettlement Programmes – ESOL for Language & Employability Framework Agreement

Reference number

THCHLH/ESOL/2021

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Highlife Highland and The Highland Council collaborating together, are seeking to put in place arrangements for the provision of adult education and employability development for the Refugee Resettlement Programme. This will include a 2 Lot framework agreement for the provision of ESOL Language & tailored employability support so that a multi partnered approach around key themes can be taken.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £240,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 - English for speakers of other languages

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80580000 - Provision of language courses
- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Highlife Highland and The Highland Council collaborating together, are seeking to put in place arrangements for the provision of adult education and employability development for the Refugee Resettlement Programme. This will include a 2 Lot framework agreement for the provision of ESOL Language & tailored employability support so that a multi partnered approach around key themes can be taken.

Under these arrangements, Highlife Highland will take the lead role in co-ordinating, delivering and reporting of English Language learning provision, and employability support for all adults resettled under the programme and work with key partners using the framework agreement, to provide a flexible and innovative approach to delivery, whereby bespoke pieces of work will be commissioned as required.

The aim is to provide a more tailored, person-centred approach to English language acquisition which will enable service users to integrate with their communities and advance their skills sufficiently to be able to seek vocational learning, employability services and employment.

Contractors on the framework will be required to work in partnership with the project's Adult Learning Co-ordinator to deliver a holistic and co-ordinated approach to English Language and tailored employability provision based on the individual needs of service users.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

An extension is possible of up to 12 months.

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

A tenderer can bid for 1 or both Lots.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 - Tailored Employability Support

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80580000 - Provision of language courses
- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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documents

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

Extension is possible up to a maximum of 12 months.

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

Tenderers can bid for 1 or both Lots

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

Financial: Tenderers must submit Accounts showing a minimum current ratio of 1 or higher in each of the last 2 financial years.

Insurance: Employers Liability Insurance (where applicable),

Public Liability Insurance

Professional Liability Insurance.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Financial: current ratio of 1 or higher

Insurance:

5,000,000 GBP Employers Liability Insurance (where applicable),

5,000,000 GBP Public Liability Insurance

1,000,000 GBP Professional Liability Insurance.

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

Experience:

Tenderers are required to submit 2 Examples of providing an equivalent service during the last three years for each Lot bid.

Tenderers must be able to access the Scottish Qualification Authority approved accredited courses and units for learners in:

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) National Awards

Core Skills: Communication, Numeracy, ICT, Problem Solving, Working with Others

SQA Awards such as Employability, Wellbeing, and Personal Development.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Experience - 2 examples of providing similar services in the last 3 years or each lot bid.

Access to Scottish Qualification Authority approved accredited courses

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) National Awards

Core Skills: Communication, Numeracy, ICT, Problem Solving, Working with Others

SQA Awards such as Employability, Wellbeing, and Personal Development.

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

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 2

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

Originally published as:

Date

1 March 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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Date

8 March 2021

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

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

1 March 2021

Local time

12:00pm

Place

Inverness - On-line via PCS-T. No paper copies accepted.

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

The procurement is a 2 lot procurement. Whilst a single Contractor may be appointed to both Lots, if a single Contractor is appointed to each Lot, both Contractors will be expected to liaise and co-ordinate together where necessary.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 17873. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Local Sheriff Court

Inverness

Country

United Kingdom