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Planning

Scottish Procurement Framework Agreement for the Supply of Natural Gas

Scottish Government

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Government

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Email

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Telephone

+44 1412420133

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10482

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Scottish Procurement Framework Agreement for the Supply of Natural Gas

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 09123000 - Natural gas

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Supply of Natural Gas to the Scottish public sector and Scottish third sector organisations.

The Supplier will provide metering and billing services, and provide trading services to facilitate the supply of Natural Gas from the wholesale markets.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Scottish Procurement is the organisation tasked with procuring commodities on behalf of all Scottish public bodies. Scottish Procurement is located within the Scottish Procurement and Property Directorate of the Scottish Government. The current framework agreement for the 'supply' of natural gas is due to expire on 31 March 2025. However, this framework agreement will commence 12 months prior, on 1 April 2024. This is to enable forward purchases of gas on the futures markets, up to 2½ years in advance of consumption. Work has commenced on developing the procurement strategy, including canvassing of stakeholders' views. As part of this, Scottish Procurement recognise the value of suppliers having the opportunity to contribute their views, in accordance with Regulation 41 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

The Framework Agreement will be available for use by the Scottish Ministers (including Agencies), Scottish Non-Departmental Public Bodies, offices in the Scottish Administration which are not ministerial offices, cross-border public authorities within the meaning of section 88(5) of the Scotland Act 1998, the Scotland Office, the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, councils constituted under section 2 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, the Scottish Police Authority, Scottish health boards or special health boards, all NHS Scotland, The Integrated Joint Boards established further to the Public Bodies (Joint Working) Act 2014, bodies registered as social landlords under the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001, Student Loans Company Limited, the Forestry Commission, the Commissioner of Northern Lighthouse operating as the Northern Lighthouse Board, Equality and Human Rights

Commission, Business Stream Ltd, the Business Gateway National Unit at the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities, further or higher education institutions being fundable bodies within the meaning of section 6 of the further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2005, any public body established by or under the Scotland Act 1998 or any Act of the Scottish Parliament, any association of or formed by one or more of the foregoing, bodies financed wholly or mainly by one or more of the foregoing, bodies subject to management supervision by one or more of the foregoing and bodies more than half of the board of directors or members of which, or, in the case of a group of individuals, more than half of those individuals, being appointed by one or more of the foregoing. In addition to the contracting authorities listed, the framework agreement will be available to charities entered on the Scottish Charity Register and voluntary organisations entered on the Membership Database of the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations.

Information about Scottish Public Bodies is available at:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Government/public-bodies/about>

Information about the Review of Public Procurement in Scotland and links to the other Centres of Expertise are available at:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Government/Procurement>

The attached Request for Information is aimed at collating those views from anyone wishing to supply the Scottish public sector. The information gathered will be utilised in developing the Scottish public sector Supply of Natural Gas procurement strategy and any subsequent National Framework arrangements. No single submission will define the National Framework in its entirety but all responses will be used to inform the procurement strategy.

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=716691.

Suppliers and other interested parties should read and complete the attached Request for Information document and return it to Procurement_Uilities@gov.scot by 10th February 2023.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

28 April 2023

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Scottish Procurement recognises the importance and value of suppliers having the opportunity to contribute to the development of the procurement strategy on a non-competitive and non-judgemental basis.

A request for information questionnaire has been created to gather views from market participants and will be used to inform and develop the procurement strategy.

This notice is issued to provide and gather information only and does not constitute a call for competition. Scottish Procurement shall manage this proposed procurement process on behalf of the Scottish Ministers.

The information contained within this Prior Information Notice, or in any communication made between Scottish Government and any supplier (in relation to this requirement), must not be assumed as creating a contract or agreement.

Scottish Government and the Scottish Ministers shall have no liability for any costs, however incurred, by those attending any information days, attendance at meetings, or involvement in the proposed procurement process.

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