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Tender

Dynamic Purchasing System for Foundation Apprenticeships

Aberdeenshire Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00232

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, 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>

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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

Dynamic Purchasing System for Foundation Apprenticeships

Reference number

000-JPQJ1774

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This DPS is being run by Aberdeenshire Council to procure the services of suitable providers to deliver Foundation Apprenticeships at Level 6 and Level 4/5, Pathways Apprenticeships and any other related projects.

The Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) will be up to 5-year duration to provide timetabled delivery of Foundation Apprenticeships in our academies, utilising a combination of existing school staff and sub-contracted external providers. Lots will be established for the delivery of each framework (subject) area. Within each, these may be subdivided to cover separate schools (or groups of schools) within Aberdeenshire, depending on geography and pupil take-up.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £7,500,000

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 - Level 6 - Foundation Apprenticeships

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

Main site or place of performance

Aberdeenshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The DPS is split into 4 lots. Lot 1 is for Level 6 Foundation Apprenticeships

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Principles of Equity and Equality of Opportunity / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Capacity Building and Provision Gaps in the Area / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainable Partnership Development / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Experience and Track Record / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 50

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

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Envisaged minimum number: 1

Maximum number: 100

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 3 - Pathway Apprenticeships

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

Main site or place of performance

Aberdeenshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The DPS will consist of 4 Lots, and Lot 3 will cover Pathway Apprenticeships.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Principles of Equity and Equality of Opportunity / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Capacity Building and Provision Gaps in the Area / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainable Partnership Development / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Experience and Track Record / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Innovation and Flexibility including any Options for Virtual Delivery / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 50

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £7,500,000

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

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Envisaged minimum number: 1

Maximum number: 100

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 4 - Any Other Related Projects

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

Main site or place of performance

Aberdeenshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The DPS will consist of 4 Lots, and Lot 4 will cover the Council's requirement for any additional requirements associated with new projects. We would encourage all suppliers to submit for this Lot

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Principles of Equity and Equality of Opportunity / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Capacity Building and Provision Gaps in the Area / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainable Partnership Development / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Experience and Track Record / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Innovation and Flexibility including any Options for Virtual Delivery / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 50

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £7,500,000

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

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Envisaged minimum number: 1

Maximum number: 100

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 - Level 4 & 5 Foundation Apprenticeships

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

Main site or place of performance

Aberdeenshire Council

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The DPS will consist of 4 Lots, and Lot 2 will cover Level 4 & 5 Foundation Apprenticeships.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Principles of Equity and Equality of Opportunity / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Capacity Building and Provision Gaps in the Area / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainable Partnership Development / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Experience and Track Record / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Innovation and Flexibility including any Options for Virtual Delivery / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 50

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £7,500,000

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

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Envisaged minimum number: 1

Maximum number: 100

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

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

4B.1.1 The bidder should provide its (“general”) yearly turnover for the past 3 financial years.

4B.3 Where turnover information is not available for the time period requested, the bidder will be required to state the date which they were set up or started trading and the reason why turnover information is not available.

4B.5 It is a requirement of this contract that bidders hold, or can commit to obtain prior to the commencement of any subsequently awarded contract, the types and levels of insurance indicated below:

Employer’s (Compulsory) Liability Insurance = 5000000 GBP

Public Liability Insurance = 5000000 GBP

Professional Liability = 2000000 GBP

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/hse40.pdf>

4B.6 The Council will use the independent credit scoring organisation, Creditsafe, to check the financial status of the Bidders and may involve further detailed financial checking/assessment.

The Council’s decision on financial suitability will be final.

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

4C.6 Bidders will be required to confirm that they and/or the service provider have the following relevant educational and professional qualifications:

Degree or equivalent for delivery of Level 6 NPA (National Progression Award) and L&D (Learning & Development) 9DI for Level 6 SVQ (Scottish Vocational Qualification).

Degree or suitable equivalent experience for delivery of Level 4/5 Foundation Apprenticeships.

Where there is equivalent experience, please submit a statement detailing this relevant experience.

The Council's decision on Technical and Professional Ability will be final.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the setting up of a dynamic purchasing system

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

4 March 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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

29 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: 12 (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 invoicing will be accepted

VI.3) Additional information

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this PQQ exercise. The Project code is 17832, and the PQQ code is 5168. For more information see

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

Mini-competitions will be conducted and contracts will be awarded during the lifetime of this DPS.

The DPS does not guarantee any business as the contracts are demand-led.

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

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2361>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

See tender documentation.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Aberdeen Sheriff Court

53 Castle St.

Aberdeen

AB11 5BB

Country

United Kingdom