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Tender

DFSED-Financial Advisor for Scottish Government Bonds

Scottish Government

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04c2d0

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

21 February 2025, 12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Government

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Glasgow

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Contact

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Email

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Telephone

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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

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>

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

DFSED-Financial Advisor for Scottish Government Bonds

Reference number

746819

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 66171000 - Financial consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

As outlined in the Scottish Government Borrowing Memorandum (link below) the Scottish Government is continuing to work towards an inaugural Scottish Government Bond Issuance. For the next stage of the due diligence process the Scottish Government is seeking a financial advisor to assist in determining the specific conditions, and policy parameters, which will frame a successful Bond issuance. This will focus on, but not be limited to, the following:

- Timing considerations for an inaugural issuance given market conditions and related events.
- The frequency of issuances to best meet Scottish Government fiscal and economic objectives.

- Consideration of formal “Use of Proceeds” such as “Green Bonds”.

The link to the Scottish Government Borrowing Memorandum is:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/scottish-budget-2025-2026-scottish-government-borrowing/>

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,500,000

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

The Service Provider will provide The Purchaser with independent advice on (1) evaluating the merits of, and (2) undertaking all the preparatory steps required for, the issue of an inaugural credit rating(s) and a public, listed bond. For the avoidance of doubt, the appointment will not include the role of bookrunning of any such bond issue.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

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

Option to extend for a further two 12-month periods at the sole discretion of the Scottish Government.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for a further two 12-month periods at the sole discretion of the Scottish Government.

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

The anticipated contract value is 1,000,000 GBP- 1,500,000 GBP (excluding VAT).

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.4 -The bidder confirms the name, value and/or range of the financial ratios specified in the relevant Contract Notice.

4B.5 - The Bidder confirms they already have or can commit to obtain, prior to the commencement of the contract, the levels of insurance cover indicated in the relevant Contract Notice.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

4B.4 - Bidders must demonstrate a Current Ratio of no less than 1.0. Current Ratio will be calculated as follows: Total current assets divided by Total current liabilities.

There must be no qualification or contra-indication from any evidence provided in support of the bidders economic and financial standing.

4B.5 - Professional Risk Indemnity Insurance - 5,000,000 GBP (A sum not less than)

Public Liability Insurance - 1,000,000 GBP (A sum not less than)

Employees Liability Insurance - in accordance with any legal obligation

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

4C.4 - Provide a statement of the relevant supply chain management and/or tracking systems used.

4C.7 - Provide details of the environmental management measures which the bidder will be able to use when performing the contract.

4C.10 - Provide details of the proportion (i.e. percentage) of the contract that you intend to subcontract: Bidders will be required to confirm whether they intend to subcontract and, if so, for what proportion of the contract.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

4C.4 - If bidders intend to use a supply chain to deliver the requirements detailed in the Contract Notice, they should confirm they have (or have access to) the relevant supply chain management and tracking systems to ensure a resilient and sustainable supply chain. This will include confirmation that they have the systems in place to pay subcontractors through the supply chain promptly and effectively, and provide evidence when requested of:

a) their standard payment terms

b) $\geq 95\%$ of all supply chain invoices being paid on time (in accordance with the terms of contract) in the last financial year.

If the bidder is unable to confirm (b) they must provide an improvement plan, signed by their Director, which improves the payment performance.

4C.7 - Production and submission of evidence of steps taken to build awareness of the climate emergency and consideration of how the organisation plans to respond to it. This should include details of planned projects and actions to reduce the bidder's carbon emissions.

4C.10 - Bidders will be required to confirm whether they intend to subcontract and, if so, for what proportion of the contract.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-039353](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Originally published as:

Date

20 February 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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Date

21 February 2025

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

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

21 February 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 28403. For more information see:

<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:
<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

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

The tenderer must provide a Community Benefits proposal that is relevant to the subject matter of this contract and supports the Scottish Ministers' commitment to contributing to the social, economic & environmental well-being of the people of Scotland.

(SC Ref:788379)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom