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Tender

Delivery of Castle Science Learning Outreach Programme

Historic Environment Scotland

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-06042d

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Historic Environment Scotland

Longmore House, Salisbury Place

Edinburgh

EH9 1SH

Email

procurement@hes.scot

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://historicenvironment.scot>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00164

I.3) Communication

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

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Heritage, Tourism, Conservation, Built Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Delivery of Castle Science Learning Outreach Programme

Reference number

HES/C/4314

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

HES is seeking to commission a Scottish Science Centre Contractor to deliver, and contribute to further development, of a heritage focused science offer for schools and other audiences. During the contractual period we expect the successful tenderers to manage and facilitate an HES science show programme within their own Science Centre venue and to work with HES to deliver outreach programmes to reach schools and informal learners in targeted locations across the whole of Scotland.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Please see Document 2 Specification for full details.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Methodology / Weighting: 30%

Quality criterion - Name: Capacity / Weighting: 25%

Quality criterion - Name: Safeguarding and Health & Safety / Weighting: 5%

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental Impact / Weighting: 5%

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Work Practices / Weighting: 5%

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

Once the initial 2 years is up, there will be an option to extend the contract by a further 2 years.

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

HES use Scotbis, an independent provider of business credit reports, to assess the financial standing of tenderers. The overall aim of this assessment is to ensure, as far as possible, that any potential Supplier will not have financial difficulties that endanger their ability to perform the Contract. If financial information cannot be gained from that source Historic Environment Scotland will request that you provide full audited accounts for the last full financial year. If Suppliers cannot provide any of the assurances as detailed above, and it is determined by HES that your financial strength is not adequate, then your company may not pass the financial evaluation. If you can provide the assurances as detailed above, HES may explore these options with you before determining whether your company can be taken forward in this procurement exercise. Bank details may also be sought to support the above.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Public Liability Insurance - 5 million

Employers Liability Insurance - "In accordance with any legal requirements for the time being in force."

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open 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

11 February 2026

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

11 February 2026

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: If all extensions are issues then the contract would be up for renewal in 2030.

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

Please note that HES will not sign up to suppliers Terms and Conditions. HES will not negotiate at point of award or post contract award. Any issues with the T&Cs should be highlighted in your tender response.

NOTE: 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=820299.

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox facility. A user guide is available at

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx.

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

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 supplier is asked to put forward any community benefits that they can offer. This could be in the form of local apprenticeships or work placements.

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Download the ESPD document here:

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=820299

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom