

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/002664-2023>

Tender

## **Provision of an Advice & Information Service 2023**

The Highland Council

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-002664

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-039b91

Published 27 January 2023, 3:54pm

### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

The Highland Council

Council Headquarters, Glenurquhart Road

Inverness

IV3 5NX

#### **Email**

[cpssprocurement@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:cpssprocurement@aberdeencity.gov.uk)

#### **Telephone**

+44 1463702563

#### **Country**

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

[www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://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](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

---

**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Provision of an Advice & Information Service 2023

Reference number

HC-CPL-AIS-2023

### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Council has a legal duty to provide certain advice and information services for local residents, this Contract is for the Provision of Advice and Information Services for residents of the Highland Council area. As well as supporting the legal duty of the Council the provision of Advice and Information Services is a crucial element of the Council's strategy to achieve both national and local outcomes in respect of welfare, poverty and equalities.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £5,350,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

Main site or place of performance

Highlands and Islands

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The Council has a legal duty to provide certain advice and information services for local residents as follows and this contract forms part of arrangements in place to ensure full compliance.

Advice and Information Services are also a crucial element of the Council's strategy to achieve both national and local outcomes in respect of welfare, poverty and equalities.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £5,350,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Council reserves the right to extend this period for two further periods 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

---

## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

Demonstration of ability to meet specification requirements.

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

Contract performance stipulations and reporting requirements are as stated in the procurement documents.

---

## **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

27 February 2023

Local time

12:00pm

#### **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

27 February 2023

Local time

12:00pm

---

## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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=720618](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=720618).

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](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.

The Contracting Authority does not intend to include a sub-contract clause as part of community benefits (as per Section 25 of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014) in this contract for the following reason:

An overall service is to be provided, sub-contracting schedule included to ensure details are provided in relation to any sub-contractors, but no specific sub-contracting clause.

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:

Community Benefit Requirements are as stated in the Procurement documents.

(SC Ref:720618)

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Inverness Sheriff Court

Inverness

Country

United Kingdom

