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Tender

SMRU: Ship for survey of cetaceans during summer 2024 as part of the SCANS-IV Project

University of St Andrews

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKM72 - Clackmannanshire and Fife

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/procurement/>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00111

I.3) Communication

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/universityofstandrews>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/universityofstandrews>

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/universityofstandrews>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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Reference number

GAT/260124/PH/SL

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 63726400 - Ship chartering services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The University has a requirement for a survey vessel for a minimum of 18 days and a maximum of 24 days during summer 2024. The survey will take place within the period 20 June to 31 August 2024. The first 2-3 days will be spent setting up equipment onboard and training the survey personnel. The ship will be in port for part of this period. The final day of the charter will be used for disembarkation / demobilisation. The ship will stay at sea for multiple days (it will not return nightly to port) and must be operational during weekdays and weekends. Surveying will take place throughout daylight hours when weather permits. Dates of the survey are fixed, and alternative dates will not be considered.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34510000 - Ships
- 63726600 - Ship-operating services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM72 - Clackmannanshire and Fife

Main site or place of performance

UK-St Andrews

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Ship Requirements

The University of St Andrews is required to carry out a shipboard survey during summer 2024 to collect visual and acoustic data on porpoises, dolphins and whales (cetaceans) to estimate population sizes. The survey area includes waters to the west of Scotland. The University's Sea Mammal Research Unit (SMRU) is coordinating the project and the survey.

Schedule

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Ship Requirements

The ship must be certified to operate within the UK 200 nautical mile EEZ (offshore as well as inshore areas) and meet all required safety standards. Ship personnel will be expected to brief all scientists on the safety equipment, muster points and all other emergency procedures prior to departing port.

The ship should have a minimum at-sea endurance of 15 days. Ships which do not meet this requirement will not be considered. Standard cruise speed should be no less than 10

knots. The draft of the ship should allow reasonable stability when at sea. Accommodation is required for at least 8 and up to 10 scientists in shared/single cabins. Whilst onboard, meals for all scientists will be provided including special diets (vegetarian) if requested in advance. Scientists will have access to ships facilities, such as a laundry.

Two separate observation platforms are required on the ship.

Please see ITT for full details.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

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

Duration in months

3

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

All as detailed in tender documents.

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.2.14) Additional information

All tenders for the University of St Andrews are administered through our eTendering System (InTend). To Express an Interest please go to our tender website at <https://intendhost.co.uk/universityofstandrews>

Please note that 'Notes of Interest' placed via PCS (Public Contracts Scotland) are not automatically accepted

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

Please see Invitation to Tender (ITT) Documents.

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.2.1) Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

Please see ITT.

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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

28 February 2024

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

28 February 2024

Local time

12:00pm

Place

Procurement - University of St Andrews

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Appointed Procurement Staff

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

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Dundee Sheriff Court

6 West Bell Street

Dundee

DD1 9AD

Telephone

+44 1382229961

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The University of St Andrews will incorporate a minimum of 10 calendar day standstill period at the point of information on the award of the contract being communicated to tenderers. This period allows unsuccessful tenderers to seek further debriefing from the contracting authority before the contract is entered into. Applicants have 2 working days from the notification of the award decision to request additional debriefing and that information has to be provided a minimum of 3 working days before the expiry of the standstill period. Such additional information should be requested from The University of St Andrews.

If an appeal regarding the award of contract has not been successfully resolved The Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2012 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rule to take action in the Sheriff Court or Court of Session.

The anticipated review body in such cases would be:

Dundee Sheriff Court

6 West Bell Street

Dundee

DD1 9AD

Telephone: +44 1382 229 961

Anyone bringing court proceedings against the University of St Andrews must inform the University of St Andrews in advance of the alleged breach and its intention to bring proceedings. Any such action must be brought within 15 days of the date on which a decision is sent to them or published to challenge that decision.

Proceedings seeking an ineffectiveness order must be brought within 30 days of the publication of the contract award notice in the OJEU, or 30 days from the date of a decision letter to all tenderers concerned, and any candidates concerned, containing a summary of the reason for the recipient being unsuccessful, otherwise 6 months from the date of entering into the contract or concluding the framework agreement.

Where a contract has not been entered into the Court may, by interim order, suspend the procurement procedure. The court may also set aside a decision or actions taken by the University or order it to amend and document; and/or award damages. However, by express requirement the court may decide not to grant an interim order when the negative consequences of such an order are likely to outweigh the benefits, having regard to a number of considerations.

If the contract has been entered into the Court may, depending on the nature of the breach: make an ineffectiveness order; impose a financial penalty; shorten the duration of the contract; make any other order considered appropriate to address the consequences of ineffectiveness or shortening the duration of the contract; award damages.