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Planning

ARE – CPD in Tier 4 of Agriculture Reform Programme – RFI

Scottish Government

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

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Reference number

CASE/799887

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80420000 - E-learning services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

As part of the development of options for a procurement strategy for a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) tool / system for farmers, crofters, land managers and other persons in Tier 4 of the Agriculture Reform, the Scottish Government is seeking views and information from industry and the market place in connection with the areas set out in this Request for Information (RFI).

This RFI is being issued solely for the purposes of market engagement and gathering supplier insight. It does not represent a commitment to proceed to procurement, and any future route to market remains subject to internal approvals and funding. With this in mind an indicative estimated publication date has been entered to meet PCS requirements only.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72212190 - Educational software development services
- 72212931 - Training software development services

- 72263000 - Software implementation services
- 72260000 - Software-related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Scottish Government currently does not have a CPD tool / system for farmers, crofters, land managers and others in place to support Scottish agriculture as this is a new policy.

The need for enhanced fit-for-purpose training, education and skills to enable farmers to improve their profitability and to become greener was highlighted by the national discussion on the future of Scottish agriculture in 2015-16.

This request for information notice will help the Scottish Government to further develop its options for its proposed CPD system, including what might be available on the market by way of CPD management systems and / or service provision, and what indicative costs and options may be available.

II.2.14) Additional information

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

30 September 2026

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Suppliers should read the RFI Overview and answer the RFI Questions if they are interested in this opportunity and return responses to Laura.Vivian@gov.scot by the deadline of the 12th February 2026.

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