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Tender

Teaching Qualification: Further Education (TQFE) Programme

APUC Limited

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03a5ba

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

24 March 2023, 2:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

APUC Limited

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM77 - Perth & Kinross and Stirling

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.apuc-scot.ac.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10402

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>

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>

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

Teaching Qualification: Further Education (TQFE) Programme

Reference number

PFB1044 AP

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Authority is seeking Contractor(s) for the provision of Teaching Qualification: Further Education (TQFE) Programme to the Scottish Further Education sector.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,200,000

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

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Authority is seeking Contractor(s) for the provision of Teaching Qualification: Further Education (TQFE) Programme to the Scottish Further Education sector.

Parties eligible to use the Framework Agreement are as listed in Appendix E — List of Institutions. Members of APUC - <http://www.apuc-scot.ac.uk/>

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Framework Agreement is anticipated to commence on the 3rd of May 2023 for a period of 24 months and expire on the 2nd of May 2025.

The Authority reserves the right to extend the Framework Agreement for a further two 12-month periods subject to satisfactory performance and continued Institutions requirements.

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

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Please refer to the “Qualification Envelope” of the ITT within PCS-T to answer the selection criteria.

Please refer to Part IV Selection Criteria: Questions within 4B.5 of the SPD

Tenderers must confirm they can provide the following supporting evidence prior to award:

Professional Indemnity Insurance = GBP 2 Million

Employer's (Compulsory) Liability Insurance = GBP 5 Million

Public Liability Insurance = GBP 5 Million

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Tenderers must confirm they have (or have access to) the relevant supply chain management and tracking systems to ensure a resilient and sustainable supply chain. This includes confirmation that they have the systems in place to pay subcontractors through the supply chain promptly (i.e. no later than 30 days after the invoice (or similar claim) relating to the payment is presented) and effectively, and provide evidence when requested of:

a) their standard payment terms

b) 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.

Contractors must be an accredited Teaching Education Institute (TEI) who can deliver the TQFE programme as underpinned by the Professional Standards for Lecturers in Scotland's Colleges (GTCS); and in relation to The enhancement framework of the Quality

Assurance Agency and the UK Professional Standards Framework for Higher Education. This is a Pass/Fail.

Pass = Evidence they are an accredited Teaching Education Institute (TEI)

Fail = No evidence provided that they are an accredited Teaching Education Institute (TEI)

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

Submission of Management Information Following commencement of the Framework Agreement, the Contractor will provide a performance report to the Authority on a quarterly basis to include spend by Institution under the Framework Agreement for the reporting period. Contractors must provide the information on a quarterly basis, within 10 working days following the start of each quarter. Data must be uploaded to the website: <http://ucsp.ac.uk/>

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 5

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

Originally published as:

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17 March 2023

Local time

2:00pm

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Date

24 March 2023

Local time

2:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

17 March 2023

Local time

2:30pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: January 2027

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

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

Suppliers should confirm they will be in a position to complete (at point of award) the following:

Appendix A Form of Tender

Appendix B Freedom of Information

Appendix D APUC Sustain Supply Chain Code of Conduct

Appendix G SCM RP Section 1

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 23439. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Stirling Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

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