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## **RADIOCARBON DATING & BAYESIAN ANALYSIS**

Historic Environment Scotland

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02998b

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

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

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM - SCOTLAND

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://historicenvironment.scot>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00164](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](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**

Other type

Non departmental public body

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Conservation, Built Environment and Tourism

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

RADIOCARBON DATING & BAYESIAN ANALYSIS

Reference number

HES/C/4082

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

- 71351914 - Archaeological services

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

Services

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

The proposed contract is for radiocarbon dating and Bayesian analysis (where required) of an estimated 150 to 300 archaeological and related palaeoenvironmental samples per year. It is expected that there will be a collaborative research element involving HES, archaeological groups working on projects sponsored or paid for by us, and the Supplier. It is also expected that all samples submitted will be at a macroscopic level. The contract also includes provision of advice to Historic Environment Scotland and /or the sample submitter on the selection of samples and the interpretation of the results. It is essential that expertise in Bayesian statistics is included in this provision, which includes providing Bayesian modelling/ analysis of results when requested.

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

Value excluding VAT: £400,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

**II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 71351914 - Archaeological services

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - SCOTLAND

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

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**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: £400,000

**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

Contract has an option to extend for one further year.

**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

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## **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

It is a requirement of this contract that bidders hold, or can commit to obtain, prior to the commence of any subsequently awarded contract, the types and levels of insurance indicated below:

- Employers (compulsory) Liability Insurance - GDP 5 million
- Public Liability Insurance - GDP 5 million

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

#### **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

21 April 2021

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

21 April 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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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: This will be re-tendered late 2025 if all the extension periods have been used.

### **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 refer to tender documentation.

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=646844](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=646844).

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help\\_guides.aspx](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx).

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD\\_Download.aspx?id=646844](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=646844)

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

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

Edinburgh Sheriff Court & Justice of the Peace Court

Sheriff Clerks Office, 27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom