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Contract

## **Professional qualification for graduate and school leaver trainees**

Audit Scotland

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0397e5

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

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

Audit Scotland

102 West Port

Edinburgh

EH3 9DN

#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.audit-scotland.gov.uk](http://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk)

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00428](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00428)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Audit

## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Professional qualification for graduate and school leaver trainees

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

- 80510000 - Specialist training services

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

Services

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

This is a Voluntary Ex Ante Transparency (VEAT) Notice. Audit Scotland will be using ICAS (institute of Chartered Accounts of Scotland) as the accounting qualification provider for trainees (graduate and school leavers entry level).

ICAS are the only provider of the CA qualification. This qualification provides the training for both graduates and school leavers in a hybrid method with teaching locations in both Glasgow and Edinburgh.

This agreement will be for four years with the option to extend for a further year.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £925,000

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

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

- 80510000 - Specialist training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

This is a Voluntary Ex Ante Transparency (VEAT) Notice. Audit Scotland will continue to use ICAS (Institute of Chartered Accounts of Scotland) as the accounting qualification provider for trainees (graduate and entry level).

ICAS is the only provider of the chartered accountant qualification with the 'CA' designation and is the sole trainer for this qualification. ICAS is both the educator and examiner, including preparing the educational material used for the qualification. This includes accounting, assurance, business and ethics training to a 'chartered' level. The qualification is credit rated at Level 11 on the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF).

This qualification allows for the training of both graduate and entry level trainees in a hybrid method including providing face to face teaching across locations in Glasgow and Edinburgh.

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

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 100

#### **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 IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

Under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 33(b)(ii) competition is absent for technical reasons as follows:

#### **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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-001306](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

9 January 2023

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

ICAS

CA House, 21 Haymarket Yards

Edinburgh

EH12 5BH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

No

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £925,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

Sheriff Court House

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom