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Award

Castle of Light Event Production Partner

Historic Environment Scotland

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03ac0e

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00164

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Non-Departmental Public Body

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Tourism, Built Environment, Conservation

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Castle of Light Event Production Partner

Reference number

HES/C/4013

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79952000 - Event services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Notice is to advise that Historic Environment Scotland intend to extend our current Castle of Light Event Production Partner HES/C/4013 for 1 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: £1,400,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79952100 - Cultural event organisation services
- 79952000 - Event services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Main site or place of performance

Edinburgh Castle

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Historic Environment Scotland is seeking to extend our current Castle of Light Event Production Partner HES/C/4013 for 1 additional year (2023 event).

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 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:

Modification of a contract under Regulation 72(1)(e) (not substantial) of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

Justification for selected award procedure:

The original contract was for a production partner to run a 21-night event and was to subsist from May 2019 until 31 January 2020. The contract allowed for two extensions to cover the events in the coming two years, and for a maximum period of 3 years, which extensions were exercised to cover the events in 2021 and 2022.

The performance of the contract has been severely impacted by the Covid pandemic, such that:-

- i) 2019 event took place prior to any pandemic restrictions;
- ii) 2020 event was cancelled;
- iii) 2021 event was disrupted due to the restrictions in place at the time;
- iv) 2022 event took place without restrictions.

Historic Environment Scotland has therefore concluded that the extension of the contract to cover the 2023 event is not substantial in terms of Regulation 72(1)(e) for the following reasons:-

- The extension does not render the contract materially different in character from the one initially procured. There will be no change to the scope of the services, only a short term extension to cover the 2023 event.
- It does not introduce conditions which would have allowed for the admission of candidates other than those initially selected, allowed for acceptance of a tender other than that originally accepted or attracted additional participants in the procurement procedure.
- Given the disruption faced by the contractor during the period of the contract (outlined above), it does not change the economic balance of the contract in favour of the contractor. The extension will allow for a commercial evaluation of three undisrupted events, as had originally been planned under the original contract;
- it does not extend the scope of the contract considerably given that the extension covers one additional year in a three year contract, during which period a fresh procurement will take place for future events

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: [2019/S 068-159882](#)

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

HES/C/4013

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 February 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

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NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,400,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The total value of contract covering April 2019 to January 2024 will be GBP 1400000, the contract extension period covering March 2023 to January 2024 value is GBP 350000.

Historic Environment Scotland intend to tender this contract late 2023 for the Castle of Light Event in 2024 and beyond.

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https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=723285.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

Sheriff Court House, 27 Chambers Street

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United Kingdom