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Contract

01804 Provision of an Externally Hosted Online Recruitment System

Scottish Prison Service

F25: Concession award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.sps.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00384

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Public order and safety

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

01804 Provision of an Externally Hosted Online Recruitment System

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79600000 - Recruitment services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a voluntary ex ante transparency (VEAT) notice. This notice is to indicate that the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) intends to contract with Oleeo PLC for the provision of an externally hosted online recruitment system for a period of 2 years.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This concession is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,979.38

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 79600000 - Recruitment services
- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

All of Scotland.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The SPS has issued this VEAT notice in good faith and with the intention of issuing a new contract to Oleo PLC for a period of 2 years, from 1st February 2021 until 31st January 2023. During this time, SPS will continue preparations in the background for a next generation contract, which will see an Invitation to Tender (ITT) issued on approximately 1st February 2022.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Concession is awarded on the basis of the criteria described below:

- Criterion: veat

II.2.7) Duration of the concession

Duration in months

24

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) Form of procedure

Award procedure without prior publication of a concession notice in the cases listed below

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

Explanation:

The SPS has a contract for an externally hosted online recruitment system with Oleo PLC, which expires on 31st January 2021.

Going forward, SPS requires continued provision of a reliable, on-line recruitment system that supports the SPS Human Resources Directorate. For any new recruitment system,

SPS anticipates a minimum lead time of 12 months for the end to end procurement process from strategy to acceptance testing. In addition, SPS would also have to maintain the parallel operation of the existing system to act as a backup should any new system encounter technical issues.

As a result of the impact of the current Covid-19 disruption on SPS operations, the work required to prepare for a new contract has been delayed. Awarding a new contract with the incumbent supplier for a period of time to cover the procurement and implementation of a new system would ensure continuity of service at a time of operational need for SPS. Covid-19 has placed additional pressure on SPS's ability to recruit Prison Officers.

The Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 33(1)(c) permits the award of a contract where for reasons of extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable by the contracting authority, the time limits for open procedure, restricted procedure or competitive procedure with negotiation cannot be complied with. Furthermore, the complex configuration and interface of SPS's existing recruitment tool with other SPS applications, precludes competition in the short term for said technical reasons. A reasonable amount of time is required for SPS to engage with bidders in order for them to fully familiarise themselves with the SPS infrastructure and gain a better understanding of the requirements. This is in line with The Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 33(1)(b).

The period for the new contract on the back of this VEAT notice will be for a maximum of 2 years, from 1st February 2021 to 31st January 2023, with no extension options. During this time, SPS will continue preparations in the background for a next generation contract, which will see an Invitation to Tender (ITT) issued on approximately 1st February 2022, opening up competition to the wider market as part of an OJEU Procedure.

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2020/S 245-609142](#)

Section V. Award of concession

A concession/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of concession

V.2.1) Date of concession award decision

11 December 2020

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: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the concessionaire

Oleeo Plc

5-7 Bridgeworks, The Crescent

London

SW19 8DR

Telephone

+44 2082966153

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI6 - Outer London – South

The concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of concession and main financing terms (excluding VAT)

Total value of the concession/lot: £1,979.38

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sherriff Court

27 Chambers Street

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Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

www.scotcourts.gov.uk/the-courts/sheriff-court/find-a-court