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Tender

WECA - SME Technology Adoption Support

West of England Combined Authority

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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NUTS code

UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.westofengland-ca.org.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.westofengland-ca.org.uk/>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

WECA - SME Technology Adoption Support

Reference number

DN534548

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72221000 - Business analysis consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The project will provide dedicated, targeted, demand-led consultancy and solutions, delivered by a third-party expert in the market. The project has been designed to be a service managed by an organisation, that can engage a range of consultancy within the region, working in partnership with WECA Growth Hub, in developing leads and referrals to the project.

The objective of the support is to enable businesses to not only put in place new systems to improve their productivity and competitiveness, but also approaches to entering new markets, attracting new customers and increasing sales, with the aim of supporting growth in turn over and employment. All of which are essential to support business growth and the route to recovery post COVID -19.

The scope has been designed to encourage applicants to propose innovative approaches to technology adoption and increases in productivity and resilience. We welcome applications that can demonstrate a real understanding of the needs of businesses across the West of England, which will deliver interventions that can ensure a genuine business benefit.

WECA is working with a number of providers on additional technology support initiatives, including Be the Business with their 'Tech Adoption Lad' and Founders4Schools 'Digital Boost' platform. The successful applicant will be expected to work in partnership, alongside these organisations and WECA, ensuring that business receive a cohesive package of support and are seamlessly referred across projects.

To access all information and to view this contract opportunity and all tender documentation please visit: <https://www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk/>

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £300,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services
- 72226000 - System software acceptance testing consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

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: £300,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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 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

19 April 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

19 April 2021

Local time

12:05pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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