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Contract

Cash First Learning and Evaluation: Independent Evaluation

Scottish Government

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10482

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Cash First Learning and Evaluation: Independent Evaluation

Reference number

Case 689808

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79310000 - Market research services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Scottish Government wants to work with local partners towards our shared ambition of ending the need for food banks in Scotland, as set out in our recently published Cash-First Plan.

Our two-year Cash-First Programme ('the Programme') will provide funding and practical assistance for up to eight local Partnerships to collaborate and deliver activities that improve urgent access to cash in a crisis, generating evidence that can be shared to inform future policy and practice.

The Scottish Government is seeking to procure the services of an organisation to undertake an independent evaluation of this Programme.

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: £99,854

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79310000 - Market research services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Evaluator will assess the implementation of cash-first activities by Partnerships, the role of the Learning Partner (who will assist partnerships to deliver interventions) and the impact of the Programme as a whole.

The Scottish Government has already appointed a Learning Partner to facilitate improvement and learning within and between Partnerships, and to support the gathering of evidence for the Programme evaluation. The Learning Partner services requirement is available to view as a supporting document in the Invitation to Tender pack, for your reference. Nourish Scotland was awarded the contract for the Learning Partner element.

It should be noted that the successful bidder for the evaluation will be expected to collaborate and share some data and resources with the Learning Partner in order to effectively fulfil the Programme objectives. Specifically, the Evaluator will be expected to seek the Learning Partner's views on the evaluation framework, develop a joint Data Sharing Agreement and support the Learning Partner to identify and supply evidence that is relevant to the evaluation.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

689808

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

12 February 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 6

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 6

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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4th Floor, 137 Sauchiehall Street

Glasgow

G2 3EU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £100,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £99,854

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(SC Ref:759488)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom