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Planning

Provision of Tech Scalars

Scottish Government

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Government

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

Internet address(es)

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.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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Reference number

Case/534846

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80510000 - Specialist training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80520000 - Training facilities
- 72222000 - Information systems or technology strategic review and planning services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Last year, Mark Logan was commissioned by Kate Forbes, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, to undertake a review of how Scotland's technology sector can help drive the country's economic recovery in the wake of the damage and disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Scottish Technology Ecosystem Review (STER) was published in August 2020. Its recommendations are primarily concerned with stimulating and accelerating the maturity of Scotland's "Technology Ecosystem". By this it means the system, in its widest sense, that supports and nurtures technology businesses in Scotland, from the early start-up phase through to fully scaled maturity. The output of this ecosystem and any resulting contract, should be a stream of technology start-ups that reach sustained profitability, including a significant proportion that do so at scale; with consequent benefits in opportunity for the people of Scotland through the creation of high value jobs, increased tax revenues and extending our country's legacy and tradition of economic innovation. STER's recommendations are intended to significantly improve upon current outcomes against these goals.

The centrepiece recommendation is that Scotland should establish a national network of tech-scalers: world class institutions offering a mix of co-location benefits; market square activity and first rate commercial education. STER presents a vision of tech-scalers as a hybrid model, combining the most effective services traditionally offered separately by incubator and accelerator programmes. Tech-scalers will combine best-practice in incubation, intensive founder education in Internet Economy skillsets, social and networking infrastructure and potentially, depending on the progress of the wider programme, integrated funding for start-ups. Access to all services must be provided both physically and in a fully-virtualised form, enabling country-wide participation in Scotland's high-technology economy.

II.2.14) Additional information

Link to the Scottish Technology Ecosystem Review -

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/scottish-technology-ecosystem-review/>

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 July 2021

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Please note it is Scottish Government's intention to issue a request for information via this Prior Information Notice shortly. It is also our intention to hold a digital Suppliers' Engagement Event - date to be confirmed.

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https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=649127.

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