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Tender

Development training for women living or working in Scottish agriculture

Scottish Government

F02: Contract notice

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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

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

www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

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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

Development training for women living or working in Scottish agriculture

Reference number

Case/535259

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Scottish Government wishes to procure a high quality training service targeted to the personal development of women living or working in Scottish agriculture, specifically addressing, but not restricted to:

- building their confidence and self-esteem
- discovering the true value of their skills, strengths and experiences
- creating lasting connections and support networks
- empowering them to take up new roles and opportunities

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £150,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80212000 - Vocational secondary education services
- 80330000 - Safety education services
- 80400000 - Adult and other education services
- 80430000 - Adult-education services at university level

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The client wishes to procure training that is flexible, dynamic and transformative for attendees. This is personal development training for a very specific demographic. The skills taught will be those consistent with standard models of personal development training, however they must be applied to the specific context of women living or working in Scottish agriculture and the particular issues that these women often face e.g.: succession issues; the complexities of family farming businesses; lack of representation in leadership roles; highly gendered division of labour etc. The Service Provider will therefore be required to demonstrate expertise in personal development training as well as knowledge or experience of agricultural and rural communities.

Scottish Government is looking to the Service Provider to deliver ten courses across a two year period. Six of these courses will take place entirely virtually (via online delivery) and Four will take place in person, (Covid-19 restrictions permitting). This is to ensure that women in rural areas who experience poor connectivity problems, need not be excluded from participating in the training. It is required that the course content and facilitator input will remain largely the same for both delivery models. i.e. an online delivery model that is largely self-taught, would not be acceptable.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Understanding and Capability / Weighting: 35

Quality criterion - Name: Methodology / Weighting: 35

Quality criterion - Name: Project and Quality Management / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Ethics and Data Protection / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Climate Emergency / Weighting: 0

Quality criterion - Name: Community Benefits / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Work First / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 30

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £150,000

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: Yes

Description of options

Scottish Government reserve the option to extend the contract for an additional period of 12

months.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2.14) Additional information

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in

regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

Statement for 4B.4: Bidders must demonstrate a current ratio of no less than 1. Current ratio will be calculated as follows: total current assets divided by total current liabilities.

There must be no qualification or contra-indication from any evidence provided in support of the bidders economic and financial standing.

Bidders who do not comply with the above financial requirements but are part of a group, can provide a parent guarantee if the parent company satisfies the financial requirements stipulated above.

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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

13 May 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: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

13 May 2021

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

SPD will be scored on a pass/fail basis.

Requirement not suitable for lotting.

Statement for 4B.5

It is a requirement of this contract that bidders hold or can commit to obtain prior to the commencement of any subsequently awarded

contract, the types of insurance indicated below:

Employer's (compulsory) liability insurance = 5 000 000 GBP.

Public liability insurance = 1 000 000 GBP.

Professional indemnity insurance = 1 000 000 GBP.

4C.1, please include examples of your experience of incorporating social benefits into previous contracts, including details of any specific steps taken in the design of services to involve SMEs, social enterprises and/or supported businesses.

The contract award criteria will be price 30%/quality 70%.

Question scoring methodology for award criteria outlined in Invitation to Tender:

0 = Unacceptable. Nil or inadequate response. Fails to demonstrate an ability to meet the requirement

1 = Poor. Response is partially relevant but generally poor. The response addresses some elements of the requirement but contains

insufficient/limited detail or explanation to demonstrate how the requirement will be fulfilled.

2 = Acceptable. Response is relevant and acceptable. The response addresses a broad understanding of the requirement but may lack details on how the requirement will be fulfilled in certain areas.

3 = Good. Response is relevant and good. The response is sufficiently detailed to demonstrate a good understanding and provides details on

how the requirements will be fulfilled.

4 = Excellent. Response is completely relevant and excellent overall. The response is comprehensive, unambiguous and demonstrates a thorough understanding of the requirement and provides details of how the requirement will be met in full.

Bidders must complete the SPD (Scotland) to demonstrate adherence to the exclusion and selection criteria for this procurement. If there

are named subcontractors/technicians upon which the bidder will rely to meet the selection criteria, these named parties must complete and

reattach the SPD Supplier Response Form attached to SPD questions 2C.1.1(Reliance on the capacity of others) and 2D.1.2 (Subcontractors) on PCS-T.

These parties must complete the first 3 sections of the SPD form, as well as any part of the Section 4 selection criteria that the main

bidder will rely upon the parties to fulfil. If parties have not yet been identified, this information may be required at a later date. Scottish Government reserves the right to request this information from relevant parties upon whom the main bidder will not rely to

fulfil selection criteria.

4C.10 Bidders will be required to confirm whether they intend to sub-contract and if so, for what proportion of the contract.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 18290. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

Sheriff Court House, 27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom