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Contract

SPS-02206 Justice Partners Escort and Court Custody (Scotland)

Scottish Prison Service
Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service
Scottish Police Authority
Scottish Government
Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Prison Service

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Main address

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

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

I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service

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Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00396

I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Police Authority

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Main address

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Buyer's address

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I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Government

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G2 8LU

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UKM - Scotland

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Main address

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Buyer's address

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I.1) Name and addresses

Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service

Crown Office, 25 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LA

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procurementreturns@copfs.gov.uk

Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

Internet address(es)

Main address

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00292

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

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

SPS-02206 Justice Partners Escort and Court Custody (Scotland)

Reference number

SPS-02206

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75231220 - Prisoner-escort services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Scottish Prison Service (SPS) is seeking a competent service provider to undertake the delivery of the SPS-02206 Justice Partners Escort and Court Custody (Scotland) (JPECCS) contract. The SPS is the 'lead' authority in terms of managing the contract on behalf of the Scottish Government, led by the Criminal Justice Partners (including the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Services and Police Scotland). The Criminal Justice Partners will be seeking a service provider to deliver the full requirements of the JPECCS contract which covers all prisoner escorts in Scotland, including court movements, police custody unit movements, hospital appointments, inter-prison transfers, community work placements and transportation for home leave, together with court custody operations. In addition, there are a number of secure movements from police stations and prisons elsewhere in the UK to Scotland and vice versa. The service provider will also provide hospital watch escorts for those prisoners admitted to hospital. In 2023/24 there were approximately 37,000 secure and community movements transporting over 125,000 individuals under the contract. In addition, the service provider will require to have robust data collection systems and reporting tools to support the delivery of the contract and to measure performance.

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: £415,353,498

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75231220 - Prisoner-escort 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

Contract Award for the Justice Partners Escort and Court Custody (Scotland) (JPECCS). The Scottish Prison Service (SPS) is the 'lead' authority for the 4th generation contract which provides services for its collaborative partners: the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service, Police Scotland and Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.

The JPECCS contract has two key elements which are prisoner escorts and the management of prisoners in courts and supporting services as described in the tender documentation.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Prisoner Care and Welfare / Weighting: 6

Quality criterion - Name: Leadership, Culture and People Management / Weighting: 9

Quality criterion - Name: T Systems, Data Integrity and Process Management / Weighting: 6

Quality criterion - Name: Security and Good Order / Weighting: 6

Quality criterion - Name: Logistics and Planning Management / Weighting: 8

Quality criterion - Name: Service Delivery / Weighting: 8.5

Quality criterion - Name: Continuous Improvement / Weighting: 2.5

Quality criterion - Name: Mobilisation and Readiness / Weighting: 2.5

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 1.5

Price - Weighting: 50

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

Competitive procedure with negotiation

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

SPS-02206 Justice Partners Escort and Court Custody (Scotland)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

23 January 2026

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

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: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 0

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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NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £415,353,498

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Bidders should note that legislative compliance in the following areas will be evaluated as part of the award criteria:

The Service Provider shall comply with, and demonstrate how it will ensure compliance with, inter alia:

Criminal Justice and Public Order (CJ&PO) Act, 1994;

The Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016;

The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012;

The Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971; and

The Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989.

Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Rules 2011.

Bidders will also be required to comply with, and ensure that their operational instructions, processes and procedures and the delivery of the services ensure compliance with the relevant regulatory and legislative obligations including, but not limited to those relating to:

Health and Safety at Work Act 1974;

Food Safety Act 1990;

Employment;

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR);

Equality Act 2010;

Data Protection Act 2018;

The Human Rights Act 1998;

Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act 2000 (RIP(S)A);

United Nations Convention Against Torture (UNCAT); and

Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

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Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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