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Contract

## **DCAF - Scotland's Adoption Register**

Scottish Government

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04b3b5

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Scottish Government

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Glasgow

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#### **Email**

[Kerry.Gubbins@Gov.Scot](mailto:Kerry.Gubbins@Gov.Scot)

#### **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](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

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

DCAF - Scotland's Adoption Register

Reference number

Case 721630

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85321000 - Administrative social services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The provision of Scotland's Adoption Register ("the Register") is set out in The Scotland's Adoption Register Regulations 2016 and comprises an online Register and national matching service that allows social workers to share information about children who have a plan for adoption with approved adopters in Scotland.

#### **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: £731,523

## **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85310000 - Social work services
- 85300000 - Social work and related services
- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Scotland's Adoption Register also plays a key role in providing opportunities for children and prospective adopters to come together through hosting events such as adoption exchange days and adoption activity days. The Register also offers direct advice to local authorities about family finding for individual children or sibling groups. The aim is to enable adopters to be part of the process of linking with a child, to encourage them to consider children they may not previously have thought about adopting, and ultimately to create new families.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for an additional year from 1 April 2027 to 31 March 2028.

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

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## 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

Notice number: [2024/S 000-035648](#)

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## Section V. Award of contract

### Contract No

721630

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

#### V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

13 February 2025

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Association for Fostering, Kinship and Adoption Scotland

Foxglove Offices G/F 2,14 Links Place, Edinburgh, EH6 7EZ

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £731,523

**V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Proportion: 39 %

Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted

Sub-contractor will provide the online linking platform.

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) 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.

SPD will be scored on a pass/fail basis.

Bidders must complete the SPD to demonstrate adherence to the Exclusion and Selection Criteria for this procurement.

The contract award criteria will be Quality 80% Price 20%.

Question Scoring Methodology for Award Criteria is outlined in the 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.

Please note there are minimum requirements concerning Cyber Security for this contract.

Tenderers are also asked to confirm:

that they will pay staff that are involved in the delivery of services under the contract, at least the real Living Wage and they will meet standards on payment of subcontractors.

Tenderers who do not pass these questions will not be subject to Commercial Analysis. As a result the tender will not be considered further.

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.

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## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Edinburgh Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

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Edinburgh

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