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Contract

National Standardised Assessments in Support of the National Improvement Framework

Scottish Government

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Government

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Email

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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.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

National Standardised Assessments in Support of the National Improvement Framework

Reference number

Case 488190

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72212190 - Educational software development services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Scottish Government has a requirement to place a contract with an external service provider for the provision of National Standardised Assessments in Support of the National Improvement Framework.

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: £17,401,591

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48190000 - Educational software package
- 75121000 - Administrative educational services
- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80100000 - Primary education services
- 72222300 - Information technology services
- 72267100 - Maintenance of information technology software
- 72267200 - Repair of information technology software
- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 48462000 - Mathematical or forecasting software package
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Scottish Government has a requirement to place a contract with an external service provider for the provision of National Standardised Assessments in Support of the

National Improvement Framework.

The requirement will see the Scottish Government's two existing national standardised assessment systems (the Scottish National Standardised Assessments and their Gaelic Medium counterpart, Measaidhean Coitcheann Nàiseanta airson foghlam tron Ghàidhlig) brought together into a combined platform.

The National Improvement Framework (NIF) for Scottish Education brings together key information to evaluate performance and informs the action taken to improve attainment and wider outcomes for every child in Scotland.

The requirement includes:

- System development, technical implementation testing and trialling
- Delivery management thereafter, including annual updates to the system content, the development and maintenance of the standardisation methodology.
- Related “service” elements including system support and maintenance, reporting, documentation and training, guidance and support to different categories of user.
- Migration of data and standards compliant assessment content from the first phase of standardised assessment delivery, ensuring data integrity and persistence.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: 75 / Weighting: Technical

Price - Weighting: 25

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

Notice number: [2020/S 220-541878](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

Case 488190

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

12 April 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

AlphaPlus Consultancy Ltd

Unit 109 Albert Mill, 10 Hulme Hall Road

Manchester

M15 4LY

Telephone

+44 1612384928

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD33 - Manchester

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £17,401,591

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

ESPD will be scored on a pass/fail basis.

Question scoring methodology for Award Criteria outlined in Invitation to Tender.

Please note there are minimum requirements concerning Cyber Security for this contract. Tenderers will be required to complete an online Supplier Assurance Questionnaire using the Scottish Cyber Assessment Service. A link to SCAS can

be found here:

<https://cyberassessment.gov.scot/>

The questionnaire will be aligned to a Cyber Risk Profile that has been established for the contract, based on the Contracting Authority's assessment of cyber risk. The unique identifier for this purpose is: RAR-NAZK86UC

Cyber Implementation Plans will be accepted.

Further details are set out in the procurement documents.

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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

Telephone

+44 1312252525

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

An economic operator that suffers or risks suffering loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under Public Contracts (Scotland)

Regulations 2015 may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or Court of Session.