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Contract

## **Design, Delivery and Management of Scottish Government's International Development Equalities Programme, Women and Girls Fund**

Scottish Government

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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**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**

Design, Delivery and Management of Scottish Government's International Development Equalities Programme, Women and Girls Fund

Reference number

Case 611820

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

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

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

Services

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

The Scottish Government has awarded a contract to allow for a suitably qualified and experienced Service Provider to undertake the design, delivery and management of a Women and Girls Fund. This will be a new Fund that will form part of the Scottish Government's International Development Fund's (IDF) new Equalities Programme. The term of a contract is for an initial four year period with options to extend for a further three years. The value of the fund is inclusive of the design and management costs.

#### **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: £5,250,000

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 79420000 - Management-related services
- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services
- 98900000 - Services provided by extra-territorial organisations and bodies
- 98910000 - Services specific to international organisations and bodies
- 98200000 - Equal opportunities consultancy services
- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Malawi Rwanda and Zambia

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

The Scottish Government has awarded a contract allowing for a suitably qualified and experienced Service Provider to undertake the design, development and delivery of a Women and Girls Fund.

The overall aim of the fund is to provide appropriately targeted direct funding to support women and girls in Malawi, Zambia and Rwanda, with the advancement of gender equality and the rights of women and girls as a principal objective. The fund will likely focus on advocacy and/or capacity/core strengthening of women's organisations and/or movements within our international development Sub-Saharan African partner countries. In line with the Scottish Government's International Development Principles, and commitments to 'do no harm', and to be global south-led, the design and delivery of the WaGF will be taking a participatory approach in partner countries in order to develop and deliver interventions that tackle inequalities experienced by women and girls and/or support organisations and that advocate for their rights.

The programme design and decision making processes will involve meaningful participation and consultation of a diverse range of local women and girls and relevant associated marginalised groups (e.g. participants from a range of different: ages, sexual orientations, socio-economic backgrounds, religions rural and urban areas, those living with disabilities), as experts by experience and/or women's rights and gender equality civil society advocates, in the relevant partner country.

Funding awarded through this contract will be administered directly to local organisations based in Malawi, Zambia and Rwanda.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Understanding the Requirement / Weighting: 10%

Quality criterion - Name: Quality of Personnel / Weighting: 20%

Quality criterion - Name: Design and Methodology / Weighting: 30%

Quality criterion - Name: Management of Fund / Weighting: 30%

Quality criterion - Name: Climate Emergency / Weighting: 2%

Quality criterion - Name: Community Benefits / Weighting: 1.5%

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

Quality criterion - Name: Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery (BCDR) / Weighting: 0%

Quality criterion - Name: Cyber Security / Weighting: 1.5%

Price - Weighting: 30%

### **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

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The budget for the initial four year period is up to a maximum of 3,000,000 GBP ex vat which is inclusive of design management, and fund for disbursement. The budget for the optional 3 year extension will be up to an additional maximum of 2,250,000 GBP ex VAT and will be subject to agreement between the two parties.

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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: [2023/S 000-023254](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

611820

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

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

6 March 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 10

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: 10

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 10

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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The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £5,250,000

#### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Proportion: 40 %

Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted

In country fund management

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The contract value is inclusive of a fund for disbursement and costs of personnel and expenses to allow for design and management of each phase.

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

Recruitment and job opportunities – recruitment opportunities for women and girls, particularly those who are vulnerable or disadvantaged. Local recruitment to take part in the Steering Committee.

Graduate placements - for various roles



Training and Skills Development for disadvantaged Women and Girls – training programs and workshops that target these specific groups including capacity building workshops and peer to peer learning sessions relating to managing grants.

Targeted recruitment – targeted recruitment to create a more inclusive and equitable workforce, creating an accessible work environment and offering specialized training programs to accommodate unique needs.

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

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

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