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Awarded contract

Temporary Accommodation & Associated Services Flexible Purchasing System

The City of Edinburgh Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00290

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Temporary Accommodation & Associated Services Flexible Purchasing System

Reference number

CT0627

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The City of Edinburgh Council is looking to establish a flexible purchasing system for temporary accommodation, this will be a long-term opportunity with the aim to increase Edinburgh's capacity for temporary accommodation. The Council require accommodation and associated services which are tailored to resident's needs, can adapt by flexing capacity whilst having a focus on value for money and allows continued change and improvement.

The purchasing system will comprise of the following Categories;

Category 1 - Temporary Accommodation with Access to Visiting Support.

(Private Rented Accommodation, Home Share & Shared House)

Category 2 - Temporary Accommodation with Residential Support.

(Supported Lodgings & Shared House inclusive of Support)

Category 3 - Emergency Accommodation with Access to Visiting Support.

Category 4 - Associated Services.

Please note, providers will not be required to have a property currently available to engage

with the opportunity - unless applying for Category 3.

The Council will be using the PCS-Tender online portal to run and manage the opportunity, and as such strongly encourage interested potential providers to attend training on the operation of the purchasing system and PCS-T.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £430,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Temporary Accommodation with Access to Visiting Support

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85310000 - Social work services
- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Providers will be required to provide accommodation and property management only. Which should allow access to visiting support services if required by residents.

This category is designed to provide accommodation, through various types of accommodation to households who are assessed as homeless.

Sub-Categories will be used to further detail the requirements for the specific types of accommodation. Temporary Accommodation which the Council has an immediate need for (please see individual specifications for more information);

- Private Rented Accommodation

- Home Share

- Shared House (preferred Shared House Accommodation would be self-contained flats within a block).

There may be further sub-categories added at a later date, this will be clearly communicated and operated in line with the Council's requirements and preferred forms of accommodation.

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

Please see Bidder Guidance Document for more information on the operation of the Purchasing System and how to apply.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Temporary Accommodation with Residential Support

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85310000 - Social work services
- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This category is designed to provide accommodation with access to residential support. The level of support required may vary per sub-category.

Sub-Categories will be used to further detail the accommodation and support requirements for each method of delivery. Temporary Accommodation which the Council has an immediate need for (please see individual specifications for more information);

- Supported Lodgings
- Shared House inclusive of Support

Accommodation with Residential Support will be appropriate for the general homeless population, however some requirements may also require highly specialised support, for specific groups of service users such as;

- age specific
- sex specific
- substance misuse
- domestic abuse experienced
- providers may stipulate if offering a specialised service, which will only be agreed by the Council if required.

There may be further sub-categories added in future, this will be clearly communicated and operated in line with the Council's requirements and preferred forms of accommodation.

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

Please see Bidder Guidance Document for more information on the operation of the Purchasing System and how to apply.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Emergency Accommodation with Access to Visiting Support

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85310000 - Social work services
- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Where possible, preferred temporary accommodation is self contained for each household or if in shared accommodation has access to facilities such as laundry and kitchen. If there is not enough accommodation to meet demand in Category 1 or Category 2, the Council will seek to procure emergency accommodation. This would be suitable for B+B's, Guest Houses and Hotels who are able to make a number of rooms or their whole property available for a period of time or on an ad hoc basis as agreed with the Council.

Due to the nature of this requirement, providers must have a property identified in order to apply for this Category.

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

Please see Bidder Guidance Document for more information on the operation of the Purchasing System and how to apply.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Housing Support, Advice and Support Services

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85310000 - Social work services
- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation
- 85312000 - Social work services without accommodation

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This will encompass a range of support services to those currently residing in Temporary Accommodation or threatened by homelessness. The requirement is mainly for support and advice services however may include elements of accommodation.

Future opportunities may include but are not limited to:

- Homelessness Prevention
- Visiting Housing Support
- Advice and Information
- Support and Advocacy

Support will be appropriate for the general homeless population, however some future requirements may also require highly specialised support for specific groups of service users, such as:

- Domestic Abuse experienced residents

- Adults
- Children
- substance misuse
- those of BAME backgrounds

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

Please see Bidder Guidance Document for more information on the operation of the Purchasing System and how to apply.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Procedure involving negotiation

IV.1.10) Identification of the national rules applicable to the procedure

Information about national procedures is available at:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2015/446/contents/made>

IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure

Category 1 - 20% quality, 80% cost

Category 2 - 40% quality, 60% cost

Category 3 - 20% quality, 80% cost

Category 4 - 40 - 70% quality, 60 - 30% cost (dependent on requirement)

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2021/S 000-011947](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

Title

Temporary Accommodation with Access to Visiting Support

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

31 December 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 34

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 31

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 34

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 34

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

3A Solutions Ltd trading as Maple Leaf Group

64 Vicar Lane

Bradford

BD1 5AH

Telephone

+44 7970112677

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ardblair Guest House

1 Duddingston Crescent

Edinburgh

eh15 3as

Telephone

+44 1316203081

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

MS Properties (Edinburgh) Ltd T/A AAA Guest House

26-27, East hermitage place

Edinburgh

eh68ad

Telephone

+44 1315555977

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Bainfield Ltd

122 Ferry Road

Edinburgh

EH6 4PG

Telephone

+44 7745748156

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Benchmark4 LLP

Strawberry Wood, East Saltoun

East Lothian

EH34 5DY

Telephone

+44 7725196483

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ibrahim Joulak

Flat 6, 4 Craigcrook Place

Edinburgh

EH4 3NG

Telephone

+44 7900958973

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

camstone (scotland) ltd

3 craigmillar park

edinburgh

eh16 5pg

Telephone

+44 7723073145

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Canadale Ltd

62, Pilrig Street, Pilrig Street

Edinburgh

EH6 5AS

Telephone

+44 7725818490

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Clarín Guest House

4 East Mayfield, Newington

Edinburgh

EH9 1SD

Telephone

+44 7913489398

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

County Private Client Limited

Moran House, 449 - 451 High Road

London

NW10 2JJ

Telephone

+44 7931739093

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI72 - Brent

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Dick Li

32 Weavers Knowe Crescent

Edinburgh

EH14 5PR

Telephone

+44 7775764351

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Easylet Scotland LTD

44 Clerk Street

Edinburgh

EH89HX

Telephone

+44 1312269382

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Edinburgh Apartments Ltd

22 Dalry Road

Edinburgh

EH11 2BA

Telephone

+44 00000000000

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Edinburgh Thistle Guest House

10, East Hermitage Place

Edinburgh

Eh68aa

Telephone

+44 7990766784

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

A & D leisure ltd

Victoria Park Hotel, 221 Ferry Road

Edinburgh

EH6 4NN

Telephone

+44 7557308554

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Hillcrest Futures

1 Explorer road

Dundee

DD2 1EG

Telephone

+44 7827341016

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Josephs Accommodations Ltd

24 Carrick Knowe Road

Edinburgh

EH12 7BH

Telephone

+44 7464615193

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

K&S Mir Ltd T/A Cameron Guest House Group

8 Johns Place

Edinburgh

EH6 7EL

Telephone

+44 7826521937

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Leamington House

23 leamington terrace

edinburgh

eh10 4js

Telephone

+44 7850681206

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Leonard Property Group

9/3 Bowhill Terrace

Edinburgh

EH35QY

Telephone

+44 7715860252

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

merith house

2-3 hermitage place

edinburgh

eh6 8af

Telephone

+44 7900584446

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Playfair Hotel Edinburgh Ltd

20, Leopold Place

Edinburgh

EH7 5LB

Telephone

+44 7783092190

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

R1 Properties

50 Westshore Road

Edinburgh

EH51QH

Telephone

+44 7908824788

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

rowan alba limited

89-95 fountainbridge

edinburgh

eh3 9pu

Telephone

+44 132297554

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

S & S APARTMENTS

5 Barnton Park Wood

Edinburgh

EH4 6EW

Telephone

+44 7943001652

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

St. Albans Lodge

1 St. Albans Road

Edinburgh

EH9 2PA

Telephone

+44 7872964067

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Housing Network

256 Capability Green

Luton

LU1 3LU

Telephone

+44 1582320645

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Thrums Hotel

14-15 Minto Street

Edinburgh

EH9 1RQ

Telephone

+44 131667545

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Zara Apartments

5 Carlton Terrace

Edinburgh

Eh7 5dr

Telephone

+44 7984174147

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £210,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

Temporary Accommodation with Residential Support

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 December 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 13

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 8

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 13

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 13

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

3A Solutions Ltd trading as Maple Leaf Group

64 Vicar Lane

Bradford

BD1 5AH

Telephone

+44 7970112677

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Bainfield Ltd

122 Ferry Road

Edinburgh

EH6 4PG

Telephone

+44 7745748156

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Hillcrest Futures

1 Explorer road

Dundee

DD2 1EG

Telephone

+44 7827341016

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

rowan alba limited

89-95 fountainbridge

edinburgh

eh3 9pu

Telephone

+44 132297554

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Barnardo's Scotland

111 Oxfords Road North

Edinburgh

EH14 1ED

Telephone

+44 1314467000

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

CrossReach (the operating name for The Church of Scotland Social Care Council)

47 Milton Road East

Edinburgh

EH14 2SR

Telephone

+44 1316572000

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Wheatley Care

Wheatley House, 25 Cochrane Street

Glasgow

G1 1HL

Telephone

+44 1412746227

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Scottish Veterans Residences

53 Canongate

Edinburgh

EH8 8BS

Telephone

+44 1315249809

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Simon Community Scotland

472 Ballater St

GLASGOW

G5 0QW

Telephone

+44 1414186995

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Housing Network

256 Capability Green

Luton

LU1 3LU

Telephone

+44 1582320645

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The No1 Care Agency

18 Orkney Street

Govan

G51 2BX

Telephone

+44 7780637818

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Rock Trust

55 Albany Street

Edinburgh

EH1 3QY

Telephone

+44 1315249860

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Salvation Army

101 Newington Causeway

London

SE1 6BN

Telephone

+44 0000000000

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £11,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

3

Title

Emergency Accommodation with Access to Visiting Support

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 December 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 4

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

K&S Mir Ltd T/A Cameron Guest House Group

8 Johns Place

Edinburgh

EH6 7EL

Telephone

+44 7826521937

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

S & S APARTMENTS

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Edinburgh

EH4 6EW

Telephone

+44 7943001652

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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2-3 hermitage place

edinburgh

eh6 8af

Telephone

+44 7900584446

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: £2,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

4

Title

Housing Support, Advice and Support Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 December 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 9

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 6

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 9

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 9

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Barnardo's Scotland

111 Oxfangs Road North

Edinburgh

EH14 1ED

Telephone

+44 1314467000

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Bethany Christian Trust

24 Race Road

Bathgate

EH48 2AP

Telephone

+44 1506653318

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Wheatley Care

Wheatley House, 25 Cochrane Street

Glasgow

G1 1HL

Telephone

+44 1412746227

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

One Parent Families Scotland

2 York Place

Edinburgh

EH1 3EP

Telephone

+44 1315563899

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Rock Trust

55 Albany Street

Edinburgh

EH1 3QY

Telephone

+4 1315249860

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Sacro

29 Albany Street, Edinburgh

Edinburgh

EH1 3QN

Telephone

+44 1316247290

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Simon Community Scotland

472 Ballater St

GLASGOW

G5 0QW

Telephone

+44 1414186995

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The No1 Care Agency

18 Orkney Street

Govan

G51 2BX

Telephone

+44 7780637818

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Salvation Army Trading Company Ltd

66 - 78 Denington Road, Denington Industrial Estate

Wellingborough

NN8 2QH

Telephone

+44 00000000000

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £10,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Interested providers are encouraged to attend a free training event with The City of Edinburgh Council in partnership with the Supplier Development Programme. The training will cover how to use PCS-T to apply to the Temporary Accommodation & Associated Services Flexible Purchasing System.

The event is taking place on 9th June 2021 from 10:30am - 12:00pm.

To register please visit: <https://www.sdpScotland.co.uk/events/the-city-of-edinburgh-council-temporary-accommodation-1127/>

Please see additional information in the attached documentation and utilise the Q&A function if you have any questions.

Please note; the information contained within this notice and attached documents is subject to further development and change.

Please note; the establishment of a Flexible Purchasing System will act as platform for the future procurement of temporary accommodation and as such is not a guarantee of any work or financial commitment.

(SC Ref:686731)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Sheriff Court

Sheriff Court House, 27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

A tenderer that suffers loss as a result of a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session. The City of Edinburgh Council (the Council) will have a minimum standstill period of 10 days before awarding the contract. The communication of the award decision notice will be sent by fax or e-mail to all tenderers with the standstill period commencing on the next day. If proceedings are started in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session against the Council in respect of the decision to award the contract within the standstill period then the Council is prevented from awarding the contract. Post contract award the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session may (1) award damages provided proceedings are brought within 3 months from the date when the grounds for the bringing of the proceedings first arose (2) be entitled to issue an ineffectiveness order or impose a financial penalty on the Council. A claim for an ineffectiveness order must be made within 30 days of the Contract Award Notice being published in the FTS or within 30 days of the date those who expressed an interest in or otherwise bid for the contract were informed of the conclusion of the contract or in any other case within 6 months from the date on which the contract was entered into.