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Contract

SPS-02053 Personal Development & Learning

Scottish Prison Service

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-041799

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Prison Service

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Edinburgh

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Contact

SPS Procurement

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

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-02053 Personal Development & Learning

Reference number

SPS-02053

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of prison based Development and Learning Service throughout Scotland in the public prisons operated by the SPS. The services will be provided to adults with varying degrees of pre-existing educational engagement; disadvantaged learners; 'young offenders' in custody (18-24): & occasionally 'young persons' in custody (16-17).

The services will include delivery of a varied curriculum of learning & skills in prisons; learning needs screening of persons following admission to custody; specialist screening (e.g. dyslexia) where required; & working with SPS to ensure progress against the SPS Development & Learning Strategy.

The SPS has developed the next generation of its Development & Learning Strategy, "Learning for a Better Future" replacing both existing Learning & Skills Strategy (2016-2021) and Employability Strategy (2017-2022). The project team has aimed to create a single strategy which aligns with the Objectives and Principles set out in the current SPS Corporate Plan (2023-28).

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: £36,400,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75121000 - Administrative educational services
- 800000000 - Education and training services
- 803000000 - Higher education services
- 804900000 - Operation of an educational centre

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

All SPS establishments including the 14 Scottish Prisons and the 2 Community Custody

Units - Bella and Liliias

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The SPS commenced this procurement process in good faith and with the intention of awarding a contract. The procurement followed the Restricted Procedure utilising the Competitive Procedure with Negotiation procurement route.

Following publication of the Contract Notice a Single Procurement Document (SPD) was made available to bidders, along with SPS's supporting guidance document.

Tender responses were then be evaluated by SPS. Following the evaluation of the SPD, shortlisted bidders were provided with an Invitation to Tender (ITT). The ITT was published by SPS and was be made available to bidders via the Public Contract Scotland Tender (PCS-T) portal, an e-Tendering System which can be accessed via the Public Contracts Scotland (PCS) website.

The Suppliers noted that all documentation, including the SPD, was only available in electronic form and can be accessed via your web browser.

Bidders were required to complete the Online Qualification and Technical SPD (Scotland) Questionnaire on PCS-T.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

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

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 February 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

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: 4

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

PeoplePlus Group Ltd

Portland House, Shalesmoor

Sheffield

S3 8UG

Telephone

+44 7515191004

Country

United Kingdom

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: £36,400,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(SC Ref:792787)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sherriff Court

27 Chambers St

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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