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Contract

SPS-02183 Research and Evaluation Services

Scottish Prison Service

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Prison Service

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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-02183 Research and Evaluation Services

Reference number

SPS-02183

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73110000 - Research services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

SPS is seeking suppliers as part of a Research and Evaluation framework agreement. The SPS commissions various research and evaluation projects (e.g evaluations of offender behaviour programmes and the implementation of control and restraint policy).

The duration of individual projects usually varies and is dependent on the scope of the research to be conducted. Indicatively, the duration will normally expect to be between 3 and 12 months and will be agreed prior to the start of each research project.

The SPS intends to appoint a maximum of 6 suppliers to the Framework Agreement

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: £317,896

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The SPS commenced this procurement process in good faith and with the intention of awarding a contract. Following publication of the Contract Notice, an Invitation to Tender (ITT) including the Single Procurement Document (SPD) was published by SPS and made available to bidders. Tender responses were then be evaluated by the SPS in accordance with the ITT.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / 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

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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 000-031577](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

SPS-02183A Research and Evaluation Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

8 April 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 13

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 13

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: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Blake Stevenson Ltd

22 Stafford Street

EDINBURGH

EH3 7BD

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: £43,975

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

SPS-02183B Research and Evaluation Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

10 April 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 13

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 13

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: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Dr Briega Nugent

87/2 Gilmore Place

Edinburgh

EH3 9NU

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: £51,300

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

SPS-02183C Research and Evaluation Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

8 April 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 13

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 13

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: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Diffley Partnership

2nd Floor, Prospect House, 5 Thistle Street

Edinburgh

EH2 1DF

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: £53,199.31

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

SPS-02183D Research and Evaluation Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

31 July 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 13

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 13

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: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Edinburgh Innovations

10 Max Born Crescent Murchison House, King's Building

Edinburgh

EH9 3BF

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: £83,226

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

SPS-02183E Research and Evaluation Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

8 April 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 13

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 13

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: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

KSO Research Limited

42 Montgomery Street, Eaglesham

Glasgow

G76 0AS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM83 - Inverclyde, East Renfrewshire and Renfrewshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £32,850

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

SPS-02183F Research and Evaluation Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

8 April 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 13

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 13

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: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Progressive Partnership

Suite 85, Pure Offices, 4-5 Lochside Way

Edinburgh

EH12 9DT

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: £53,346.38

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(SC Ref:806024)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

Chalmers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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