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DLEARN-Provision of Standardised Assessment & Reporting Platform & Related Services

Scottish Government

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-05991d

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Government

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Country

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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.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

DLEARN-Provision of Standardised Assessment & Reporting Platform & Related Services

Reference number

788772

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Scottish Government intends to contract for the ongoing provision of national, online standardised assessments aimed at providing evidence of children's progress in aspects of literacy and numeracy.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £23,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 72222300 - Information technology services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Scottish Government intends to contract for the ongoing provision of national, online standardised assessments aimed at providing evidence of children's progress in aspects of literacy and numeracy. The contract will be designed to implement the third phase of the National Standardised Assessments for Scotland (NSA), which were introduced as part of the implementation of the National Improvement Framework for Scottish Education. The supplier will be required to provide a dual-language platform for the continuation of the online adaptive assessment service which has been made available to children in publicly funded education in Scotland since August 2017.

The Scottish Government is also exploring whether this procurement provides the opportunity to bring elements of the assessment service in-house. This includes training design and delivery, content development, and service desk provision. A key aspect of development will include the migration of data from the current phase of the project, both in terms of assessment data, and assessment content, to ensure continuity of service and secure the long-term value of existing data and content.

Assessments are aligned to Curriculum for Excellence and are undertaken by children and young people in P1, 4, 7 and S3. Development will take place during the 2026/27 school year with the assessments anticipated to come online from August 2027. Standardised assessments support the wider approach to assessment through the broad general education in Scotland, which is based primarily upon the professional judgement of teachers. The contract will be for the design and delivery of diagnostic, inclusive and online adaptive national standardised assessments, suitable for the Scottish school education system and capable of reporting progress in skills for reading, writing and numeracy, both in English and Gaelic.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 75

Price - Weighting: 25

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

86

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract is anticipated to commence in June 2026 with and expire in July 2030, with the option to extend for a further three 12-month periods. Exact dates will be confirmed in the contract award notice.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

4B4. The bidder confirms the name, value and/or range of the financial ratios specified in the relevant Contract Notice are as follows:

4B.5 It is a requirement of this contract that bidders hold, or can commit to obtain prior to the commencement of any subsequently awarded contract, the types and levels of insurance indicated below:

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

4B.4 - Bidders must demonstrate a Current Ratio of no less than 1. Current Ratio will be calculated as follows: Total current assets divided by Total current liabilities.

4B.5 -

-Public Liability 1,000,000 GBP(A sum not less than)

-Professional Indemnity 1,000,000 GBP(A sum not less than)

-Employers Liability (Legal Requirement) 5,000,000 GBP(A sum not less than)

-Cyber Security 5,000,000 GBP(A sum not less than)

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

4C.4 - Provide a statement of the relevant supply chain management and/or tracking systems used.

4C.7 - Provide details of the environmental management measures which the bidder will be able to use when performing the contract.

4C.10 - Provide details of the proportion (i.e. percentage) of the contract that you intend to subcontract: Bidders will be required to confirm whether they intend to subcontract and, if so, for what proportion of the contract.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

4C.4 -

If bidders intend to use a supply chain to deliver the requirements detailed in the

Contract Notice, they should confirm they have (or have access to) the relevant supply chain management and tracking systems to ensure a resilient and sustainable supply chain. This will include confirmation that they have the systems in place to pay subcontractors through the supply chain promptly and effectively, and provide evidence when requested of:

a) their standard payment terms

b) 95% of all supply chain invoices being paid on time (in accordance with the terms of contract) in the last financial year.

If the bidder is unable to confirm (b) they must provide an improvement plan, signed by their Director, which improves the payment performance.

4C.7 -

Production and submission of evidence of steps taken to build awareness of the climate emergency and consideration of how the organisation plans to respond to it. This should include details of planned projects and actions to reduce the bidder's carbon emissions.

4C.10 -

Bidders will be required to confirm whether they intend to subcontract and, if so, for what proportion of the contract.

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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: [2025/S 000-056050](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

18 March 2026

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

18 March 2026

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 62696.

For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court & Justice of the Peace Court

27 Chambers St

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom