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Tender

Advocacy Services for Social Security Scotland Clients

Scottish Government

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

<http://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

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Advocacy Services for Social Security Scotland Clients

Reference number

CASE/540750

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 98200000 - Equal opportunities consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Scottish Government has a requirement to place a contract with an external service provider for the provision of Advocacy Services for Social Security Scotland Clients.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £20,400,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 98200000 - Equal opportunities consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Scottish Government has a requirement to place a contract with an external service provider for the provision of Advocacy Services for Social Security Scotland Clients.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £20,400,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

extension option of 2 x 12 month periods

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

FINANCIAL RATIOS(S)

INSURANCE

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Financial Ratio:

Bidders will be required to meet the following:

The acceptable range is a Failure Score no less than 50 subject to Dun and Bradstreet.

Insurances:

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:

Employers (compulsory) liability Insurance = 5 Million GBP

Public Liability Insurance = 5 Million GBP

Professional Indemnity Insurance = 1 Million GBP

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

28 June 2021

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

28 June 2021

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

The Buyer is using PCS- Tender to conduct this ITT exercise The Project Code is 18640

There will be a Bidders Conference/Procurement Overview held on Thursday 20th May 2021 at 1pm. Its is recommended that those intending to bid attend session. - if you wish to be invited along please emails Maxine.mullen@gov.scot by Tuesday 18th May 2021 12 noon.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 18640. For more information see:

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

The Contracting Authority does not intend to include a sub-contract clause as part of community benefits (as per Section 25 of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014) in this contract for the following reason:

Specified within Statement of Requirement

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2361>

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

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<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2361> A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows: Specified within Statement of Requirement

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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Edinburgh

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United Kingdom