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Contract

Centres of Expertise (4 Lots)

Scottish Government

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

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.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

Centres of Expertise (4 Lots)

Reference number

Case/534659

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Scottish Government has a requirement to place 4 separate contracts with external service providers for the following services:

Lot 1: Centre of Expertise for Climate Change;

Lot 2: Centre of Expertise on Animal Disease Outbreaks;

Lot 3: Centre of Expertise on Water;

Lot 4: Centre of Expertise for Knowledge Exchange and Innovation.

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: £20,445,798.06

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Centre of Expertise on Animal Disease Outbreaks

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Scottish Government Rural and Environment Science and Analytical Services (RESAS) Division is recommissioning a Centre of Expertise on Animal Disease Outbreaks. RESAS supports a small number of Centres of Expertise in key areas which brigade the best

available expertise from a consortium of partners into virtual centres; to simplify access by policy officials to expertise from across Scotland, to enhance synergy of effort and to stimulate innovative thinking in support of policy.

The suppliers of the Centre will have the following aims:

- To deliver high-quality research-based evidence and advice on the epidemiology of animal diseases that are important to Scotland to the Scottish Government.
- To provide advice and analyses to the Scottish Government at short notice in the event of an outbreak of notifiable, zoonotic or newly emerging animal disease in the UK.
- To stimulate innovative thinking in support of policy development and delivery.
- To further enhance the coordination of research, analysis and interpretation across the subject area, leading to high quality, world leading interdisciplinary research and the production of policy-relevant outputs.
- To develop a programme of knowledge exchange to ensure the effective underpinning of policy and the wider dissemination of best practice amongst stakeholders.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Understanding the requirement / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Programme design and methods / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Staffing, Skills & Task Allocation / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Project Management, Risk Assessment and Ethics / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Data Management, Data Protection and Cyber Security / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Work / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Community Benefits / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for an additional period of up to 2 years (2 x 1 year) to 31 March 2027

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Centre of Expertise on Water

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Scottish Government and its partners have a key role to play in the development and delivery of legislation and policies designed to ensure the quality and sustainability of Scotland's water resources. Relevant government policies include the EU Water Framework Directive, Flood Scottish Government Rural and Environment Science and Analytical Services Division (RESAS) is re-commissioning the Centre of Expertise on Water. The objective is to brigade the best available expertise on the management of water from across Scotland into a virtual centre, to simplify access to scientific advice and evidence by policy colleagues and their delivery partners, and to enhance synergy of effort and stimulate innovative thinking in support of water policy.

The Centre's purpose is to:

- Deliver timely and high quality advice and research-based evidence on the management of water to the Scottish Government and its delivery partners.
- Stimulate innovative thinking in support of policy development and implementation in the research area.
- Enhance the coordination of research, analysis and interpretation across the subject area, leading to high quality research and policy-relevant outputs.
- Deliver an effective programme of knowledge exchange and communication with Scottish Government and its stakeholders.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Understanding the Requirement / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Programme Design and Methods / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Staffing, Skills and Tasks / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Project Management, Risk Assessment and Ethics / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Data Management, Data Protection and Cyber Security / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Work / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Community Benefits / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for an additional period of up to 2 years (2 x 1 year) to 31 March 2027

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Centre of Expertise Knowledge Exchange and Innovation

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The CKEI, now often known as SEFARI Gateway, is RESAS's Centre of Expertise for Knowledge Exchange. It supports KE across our Main Research Providers, CoEs, including into policy, industry, NGOs. It carries out reports, training, supports fellowships, produces CASE studies and will support Horizon-Scanning across the Strategic Research Programme in Environment, Natural Resources and Rural Affairs.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Understanding the requirement / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Programme design and methods / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Staffing, Skills & Task Allocation / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Project Management, Risk Assessment and Ethics / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Data Management, Data Protection and Cyber Security / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Work / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Community Benefits / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for an additional period of up to 2 years (2 x 1 year) to 31 March 2027

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Centre of Expertise Climate Change

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This Centre of Expertise is essential in providing support for a wide range of economically important policies. It also supports many parts of the SG's programme for Government. It provides technical and scientific advice to policy on issues arising from Climate Change.

This includes reducing greenhouse emissions, adapting to the consequences of climate change and the transition to a low carbon society.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Understanding the Requirement / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Programme Design and Methods / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Staffing, Skills and Task Allocation / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Project Management, Risk Assessment and Ethics / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Data Management, Data Protection and Cyber Security / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Work / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Community Benefits / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for an additional period of up to 2 years (2 x 1 year) to 31 March 2027

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.1.8) 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: [2021/S 000-008026](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

3

Title

Centre of Expertise on Water

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

29 November 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

James Hutton Institute

Craigiebuckler

Aberdeen

AB15 8QH

Telephone

+44 7816588340

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,460,487.89

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

Title

Centre of Expertise Climate Change

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

13 December 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

University of Edinburgh

Old College , South Bridge

Edinburgh

EH8 9YL

Telephone

+44 1316514023

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £8,402,917.26

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

Centre of Expertise on Animal Disease Outbreaks

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

13 December 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

University Court of the University of Glasgow

University Avenue

Glasgow

G12 8QQ

Telephone

+44 1413307725

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: £6,226,079.91

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

4

Title

Centre of Expertise Knowledge Exchange and Innovation

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 November 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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The James Hutton Institute

Invergowrie Dundee

DD2 5DA

Telephone

+44 7582747580

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: £2,356,313

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

Single Procurement Document will be scored on a pass/fail basis.

Award Criteria Questions can be found in the ITT together with the weightings.

Question scoring methodology for award criteria outlined in Invitation to Tender. Bidders must complete the SPD (Scotland) to demonstrate adherence to the exclusion and selection criteria for this procurement. If there

are named subcontractors/technicians upon which the bidder will rely to meet the selection criteria, these named parties must complete and

reattach the SPD Supplier Response Form attached to SPD questions 2C.1.1 (Reliance on the capacity of other entities) and 2D.1.2 (Subcontractors) on PCS-T.

These parties must complete the first 3 sections of the SPD form, as well as any part of the Section 4 selection criteria that the main

bidder will rely upon the parties to fulfil. If parties have not yet been identified, this

information may be required at a later date. Scottish Government reserves the right to request this information from relevant parties upon whom the main bidder will not rely to fulfil selection criteria.

4C.10 Bidders will be required to confirm whether they intend to sub-contract and if so, for what proportion of the contract.

4C.1.2 Bidders will be required to provide examples of similar services detailed as follows: Lot 1 - 2 recent examples of managing projects and giving advice on Climate Change issues, to public bodies or government. Lot 2 - 2 recent examples of managing projects, and giving advice on Animal Diseases, and/or epidemiology and/or modelling to public bodies or government. Lot 3 - 2 recent examples of managing projects and giving advice on Water issues, and/or wastewater and/or flooding issues to public bodies or government. Lot 4 - 2 recent examples of managing projects and providing advice on emerging scientific or social scientific issues to public bodies or government.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

Sheriff Court House, 27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom