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Tender

SOLAR Retender

Scottish Qualifications Authority

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-011166

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03323b

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Qualifications Authority

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Midlothian

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Email

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Telephone

+44 03452136720

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.sqa.org.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00386

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

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

NDPB

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

SOLAR Retender

Reference number

SQA2313

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72212190 - Educational software development services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This tender indicates our requirement to further support the continuing of the delivery of our SOLAR (Scottish OnLine Assessment Resources) assessment service (www.sqasolar.org.uk). SOLAR enables the development and delivery of onscreen formative and summative assessment content across a range of qualifications delivered in Scotland and internationally. Additionally SOLAR is used to underpin the model of authoring of paper-based question and assessment items used in the National Qualifications in Scotland.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,400,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Criteria 1 – Proposed Business Solution and software / Weighting: 50

Quality criterion - Name: Criteria 2 – Strategic Partnership / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Criteria 3 – Future Assessment Models / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Criteria 4 – Fair Work Practices / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 30

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

12 months + 12 months

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

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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

Date

10 June 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

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Download the ESPD document here:

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=691334

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom