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Contract

Northern Innovation Hub Food and Drink TechHUB Strand 1: Business Support Services

Highlands and Islands Enterprise

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Highlands and Islands Enterprise

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

National registration number

313

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.hie.co.uk>

Buyer's address

http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00313

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Economic and financial affairs

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Northern Innovation Hub Food and Drink TechHUB Strand 1: Business Support Services

Reference number

FTS 014

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79411100 - Business development consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

A contract has been awarded to provide the following services: The Food and Drink TechHUB project (TechHUB) is to be delivered across the Highland Council area as a project under HIE's Northern Innovation Hub (NIH) programme. The NIH TechHUB Strand 1: Business Support Services contract which will be required to align with, and complement, existing HIE provision and that of our partners, to provide business support, technical advice and events to develop an existing and growing network of Food and Drink producers and supply chain businesses (SMEs).

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: £521,895

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services
- 72221000 - Business analysis consultancy services

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 73220000 - Development consultancy services
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
- 80500000 - Training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

Main site or place of performance

Highland Council area

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The key tasks are:

- bringing F&D businesses together;
- supporting businesses incl. brokering specialist/technical support;
- raising awareness and increase implementation of new technologies and opportunities;
- developing transformational local, national and international triple-helix collaborations between public sector, businesses and academia;
- engaging with partners and stakeholders;
- nurturing young entrepreneurs - provide complementary support to the relevant cohort(s) of IMPACT30 participants;
- reporting, monitoring and evaluation.

These services will be required from 3 May 2022 for an initial period of 3 years, with HIE having the option to extend for a period or periods together not exceeding 12 months following the Initial Term.

The initial 3-year budget currently available to deliver this service was between GBP 325,000 and GBP 374,000 (excluding VAT).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Delivery Methodology / Weighting: 30%

Quality criterion - Name: Management Methodology / Weighting: 10%

Quality criterion - Name: Management & Delivery Team / Weighting: 15%

Quality criterion - Name: Risks & Challenges / Weighting: 5%

Quality criterion - Name: Economic Growth & Community Wealth Building Priorities / Weighting: 5%

Price - Weighting: 35%

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

HIE may require the supplier to provide additional services. Any such modification shall be in terms of Regulation 72 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

See the Scope of Requirements and Tender Guidance Notes document for further information.

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.2.14) 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.

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

FTS 014

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

3 May 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

SAC Commercial Limited

Peter Wilson Building, King's Building, West Mains Road

Edinburgh

EH9 3JG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £521,895

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

It is estimated that the maximum total value of the services over the maximum duration of 4 years will be GBP 521,895 (excluding VAT). This is the figure which has been used in II.1.5 & V.2.4.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Inverness Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

The Inverness Justice Centre, Longman Road

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<https://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/the-courts/court-locations/inverness-sheriff-court-and-justice-of-the-peace-court>

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

An economic operator that suffers, or is at risk of suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 or the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 , may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.