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Tender

SPSD Consultancy, Research & Sectoral Development Framework

The Skills Development Scotland Co. Limited

F02: Contract 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

www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA12862

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Skills Agency

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

SPSD Consultancy, Research & Sectoral Development Framework

Reference number

P21-201A

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

Framework providing consultancy, research , forecasting, Power BI Technical support and sectoral intermediary support

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £9,400,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Forecast Services

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

forecasting services to undertake economic and skills modelling with a view to forecasting demand and supply for jobs and skills

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Additional Extension period of 12 months available

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Evidence, Research and Analysis

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

Development of national 'think pieces' on the labour market in Scotland;

Development of spatial, sectoral and thematic Skills Assessments;

Development of bespoke tools to inform internal products and services e.g. demand statements for the apprenticeship family;

Critical friend support to minimise 'group think' and to offer an independent, impartial perspective; and

Bespoke research to fill gaps in the evidence base – thematic, sectoral and spatial

Specific regionally-focussed outputs

Specialist input to our priority areas of climate emergency, digital economy and foundational economy

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

Duration in months

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This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Optional extension period of 12 months available

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Power BI Technical reporting and functionality support

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

Supporting the maintenance of existing PowerBI solutions;

Development of new PowerBI dashboards and solutions;

Supporting the improvement of existing reports, for example, using Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) to retrieve data from our key data providers;

Reviewing existing PowerBI solutions to provide expert advice and recommendations for improvement (efficiency, design, visualisations used etc.).

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Optional 12 month extension period available

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Econometric Services

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

To deliver econometric modelling services, associated reporting and model outputs and present the findings of these to SDS and partner colleagues.

Provide expert advice and guidance on econometric approaches and analysis. This could be by email or phone for smaller requests, or may take the form of short reports, spreadsheets or structured training events for larger requests.

To provide updates and commentary on international research on the economic impacts of skills and training interventions.

To advise senior colleagues on the interpretation and implications of findings from econometric modelling and provide objective guidance on limitations and how research on the impacts of education and skills investment can be improved going forward.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Optional 12 month extension period

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 5 A/B Key Sector Intermediaries

Lot No

5

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

To provide industry engagement with Scotland's key sectors in order to:

Identify current and future technical key sector skills requirements to inform and influence the skills system, considering policy and regulatory issues

Provide expertise on the suitability of current qualifications and design of future qualification in relation to key sectors practices including emerging technologies.

Conduct a range of key sector skills policy and research studies to inform the development of national, regional and sectoral programmes

Conduct key sector evidence-based research

Engagement with Industry Stakeholders, employers and subject matter experts

Identify the current and future skills capacity within Scotland's key sectors (demand vs supply)

Facilitate engagement with employers and other subject matter experts

Support development of new interventions

Support delivery of new interventions

To provide an intermediary service to support engagement with the sectors identified in the CESAP to include implementation of CESAP

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Optional 12 month extension period available

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 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

7 June 2022

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

Tender must be valid until: 2 September 2022

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

7 June 2022

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=692536.

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox facility. A user guide is available at

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx.

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

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

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

The Contracting Authority does not intend to include any community benefit requirements in this contract for the following reason:

The contract does not lend itself to community benefits due to the nature of the services and the low value call offs anticipated

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Download the ESPD document here:

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=692536

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Glasgow Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

Sheriff Clerk's Office, PO Box 23, 1 Carlton Place,

Glasgow

G5 9DA

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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United Kingdom

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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United Kingdom