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Contract

Digital Support for Business

Aberdeenshire Council

Aberdeen City Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Digital Support for Business

Reference number

000-GLAG8996

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Council are looking to procure one-to-one support and coaching Sessions to support businesses with digital consultancy programme in the North East of Scotland.

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: £250,700

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The key purpose of this project programme is to strengthen the knowledge and skills of SMEs in Aberdeenshire about digital technology, thus enabling them to enter new markets, trade internationally, increase business efficiency and (potentially) increase staff employed. Up until 2022 this requirement was under the banner of DigitalBoost, but unfortunately this programme is no longer going. The funding for this project has been secured through Shared Prosperity Funding which is funded through Levelling Up from the UK Government.

This project seeks to support SME's in their journey along the digital maturity curve and offer a suite of products to help strengthen their knowledge and skill and free at the point of delivery.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Skills, knowledge and qualifications / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Implementation Plan / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Contract Management and Management Information / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability and Community Benefits / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Working Practices / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 40

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

000-GLAG8996

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

12 April 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 5

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

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

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

STEP

John Player building

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £250,700

Total value of the contract/lot: £250,700

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Aberdeen Sheriff Court

Aberdeen

Country

United Kingdom