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## **Procurement of Commercial Advisors - Rapid Response Unit - Framework Agreement**

Scottish Government

F02: Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Scottish Government

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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](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.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

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**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Procurement of Commercial Advisors - Rapid Response Unit - Framework Agreement

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Scottish Government has a requirement to place a contract with an external service provider for the provision of Procurement of Commercial Advisors – Rapid Response Unit – Framework Agreement.

The RRU has been created to tackle a wide range of economic challenges as a result of Covid-19 and Brexit to enhance SG's support for business resilience. Specifically, in some instances, the RRU will lead on providing assistance to businesses in distress with the support from agencies and partners. As such, the RRU will require the services of commercial advisors at short notice (within 24 hours) to instruct them to look into a company's financial position and advise as to the available options for the RRU to intervene.

The contract will be for a period of 36 months with the option to extend for an additional 12 months.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Currently the Scottish Government contract with a number of suppliers to deliver similar type services. It is anticipated that there will be a relatively high interest in joining this framework agreement. The framework agreement will consist of a maximum of four (4) suppliers, with call-offs conducted in a “round robin” manner, in order to allow each of the four suppliers equal access to opportunities as they arise.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

#### **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

#### **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

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Minimum level(s) of standards required:

Statement for 4B.4: Bidders must demonstrate a Current Ratio of no less than 0.9 Current Ratio will be calculated as follows: Net current assets divided by net current liabilities.

There must be no qualification or contra-indication from any evidence provided in support of the bidders economic and financial standing.

Bidders who do not comply with the above financial requirements but are part of a Group, can provide a Parent Guarantee if the Parent company satisfies the financial requirements stipulated above.

Statement for 4B.5

It is a requirement of this contract that bidders hold or can commit to obtain prior to the commencement of any subsequently awarded

contract, the types of insurance indicated below.

Employer's (Compulsory) Liability Insurance = 5 000 000 GBP.

Public Liability Insurance = 1 000 000 GBP.

Professional Indemnity Insurance = 500 000 GBP.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 4

**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

2 July 2021

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: 1 October 2021

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

2 July 2021

Local time

12:00pm

Place

Electronic

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Question Scoring Methodology for Award Criteria outlined in invitation to tender:

0 — Unacceptable. Nil or inadequate response. Fails to demonstrate an ability to meet the requirement.

1 — Poor. Response is partially relevant but generally poor. The response addresses some elements of the requirement but contains

insufficient/limited detail or explanation to demonstrate how the requirement will be fulfilled.

2- Acceptable. Response is relevant and acceptable. The response addresses a broad understanding of the requirement but may lack details on how the requirement will be fulfilled in certain areas.

3 — Good. Response is relevant and good. The response is sufficiently detailed to demonstrate a good understanding and provides details

on how the requirements will be fulfilled.

4 — Excellent. Response is completely relevant and excellent overall. The response is comprehensive, unambiguous and demonstrates a thorough understanding of the requirement and provides details of how the requirement will be met in full.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 18845. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

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### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Sheriff Clerks Office

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom