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Contract

Flexible Framework for Outdoor Education Centres

North Lanarkshire Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

North Lanarkshire Council

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Telephone

+44 7866989244

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00010

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

Flexible Framework for Outdoor Education Centres

Reference number

NLC-CPT-20-058

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The National guidance document "Curriculum for Excellence through Outdoor Learning"

Education Scotland states: “the journey through education for any child in Scotland must include opportunities for a series of planned, quality outdoor learning experiences” enabling our children and young people to be successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens, one of the national outcomes which lies at the heart of the Curriculum for Excellence.

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North Lanarkshire Council (the "Council") are undertaking this procurement with purpose of establishing a Framework with multiple Service Providers who can offer a multi-day outdoor education experience, with residential stay, for groups of school pupils. The Council have 155 Educational establishments who could potentially use this Framework.

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The Council propose to utilise the Framework for many years or until there is fundamental change to the requirements (that will require re-tendering). It is proposed to include Framework entry points i.e. annually, which could allow new Providers to apply to join the Framework; this would enable the Council to maintain capacity and choice.

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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: £15,500,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80100000 - Primary education services
- 80340000 - Special education services
- 80200000 - Secondary education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Please see ITT specification

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

In accordance with The Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, Regulation 74, the Council propose to establish a Flexible Framework with Service Providers / Outdoor Education Centres who can provide a package for groups of pupils that comprises: activity based learning with residential stay.

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The proposed Flexible Framework would be for multiple years, and the Council would include options for additional Service Providers to apply to join the Framework at future intervals (should the Council require this for any reason).

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Key Objectives is to meet the curriculum objectives previously mentioned in II.1.4) Description of the procurement.

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Prospective Service Providers should be able to offer a range of activities that caters for pupils of all abilities and confidence levels. The residential element should include catering. Venue based transport would be required if travel is needed to go between accommodation and activity location.

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The Council's school term is August through June; packages should be available during this period.

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Further to this overview, a detailed specification is contained within the main Invitation to Tender (ITT) document which is accessible (and downloadable) from the Buyer Attachment area within the PCS-T Tendering System.

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The Framework must be carried out in accordance with the information provided within this Contract Notice and the following documents contained within the PCS-T Tendering

System; Invitation to Tender (ITT) and the Framework Agreement and Call-Off Terms and Conditions.

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Tenderers must respond to a series of Selection Questions within the PCS-T Qualification Envelope;

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Tenderers must download and complete a range of Award Questions and Statements located within the PCS-T Technical Envelope;

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Tenderers must download and complete a Pricing Schedule located within the PCS-T Commercial Envelope.

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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

PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE EXCLUSION GROUNDS:

Economic Operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of situations referred to in Regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

IV.1.10) Identification of the national rules applicable to the procedure

Information about national procedures is available at:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2015/446/part/2/chapter/3/crossheading/social-and-other-specific-services>

IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure

Single-stage procedure.

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Tender Application: Tenderers must complete an ESPD and provide proposals for Service Delivery. Tenders must be submitted via PCS-T only.

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Tender responses will be scored by a tender evaluation panel from within the Council.

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Further entry points will adhere to the same Tender Application process.

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IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2020/S 222-547586](#)

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

27 May 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 19

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 19

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: 19

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Abernethy Trust

Barcaple, By Ringford

Kirkcudbrightshire

DG7 2AP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Active Outdoor Pursuits

Craigower Lodge Outdoor Centre Golf Course Road Newtonmore

Newtonmore

PH20 1AT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Bendrigg Trust

Bendrigg Lodge, Old Hutton

Kendal

LA8 0NR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD1 - Cumbria

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Clyde Scouts

Auchengillan Outdoor Centre, Stockiemuir Road

Blanefield

G62 7BH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM77 - Perth & Kinross and Stirling

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Field Studies Council

Millport

Isle of Cumbrae

KA280EG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Lochranza Centre CIC

Lochranza Centre, Lochranza

Isle of Arran

KA27 8HL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Scottish Outdoor Education Centres Limited (Broomlee Outdoor Education Centre)

Loaningdale House, Carwood Road

Biggar

ML12 6LX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Scottish Outdoor Education Centres Limited (Dounans Outdoor Education Centre)

Head Office, Loaningdale House, Carwood Road

Biggar

ML12 6LX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Scottish Outdoor Education Centres Limited (Belmont Outdoor Education Centre)

Loaningdale House, Carwood Road

Biggar

ML12 6LX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Scouts Scotland, Scout Adventures Fordell Firs

Fordell Firs, Hillend

Dunfermline

KY11 7HQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM72 - Clackmannanshire and Fife

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Scouts Scotland, Scout Adventures Lochgoilhead

Shelter Park

Lochgoilhead

PA248AQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Sportscotland National Centre Inverclyde

Burnside Road

Largs

KA30 8RW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Spotty Dog Adventures

59 Mid Barrwood Road, Kilsyth

Glasgow

G65 0EP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

SU Scotland Gowanbank

Gowanbank

Darvel

KA17 0LL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

SU Scotland, Lendrick Muir

Lendrick Muir, Rumbling Bridge

Kinross

KY13 0QA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM77 - Perth & Kinross and Stirling

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Actual Reality Trust

Ardentinny Outdoor Education Centre, Ardentinnny

Dunoon

PA23 8TR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Glencoe Trust Limited

Glencoe Outdoor Centre, Carnoch House

Glencoe

PH49 4HS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Outward Bound Trust

Hackthorpe Hall, Hackthorpe

Penrith

CA10 2HX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Wiston Lodge Ltd

Millrigg Road, Wiston

Biggar

ML12 6HT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM95 - South Lanarkshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £15,500,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

TENDERERS PLEASE NOTE: Police Scotland identified a number of business areas which have a high risk of infiltration by Serious and Organised Crime groups; this contract belongs to one such area and as such the Authority reserves the right to include enhanced probity checks prior to any contract award, including sharing tenderer information with Police Scotland.

The tender pack includes a schedule for the Declaration of non-involvement in serious organised crime; this is a mandatory tender submission requirement for all tenderers.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Hamilton Sheriff Court

Sheriff Court House, 4 Beckford Street

Hamilton

ML3 0BT

Email

hamilton@scotcourts.gov.uk

Telephone

+44 1698282957

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/the-courts/court-locations/hamilton-sheriff-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.