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Contract

## **Independent Child Trafficking Guardians Service**

Scottish Government

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

Scottish Government

5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw

Glasgow

G2 8LU

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[campbell.forsyth2@gov.scot](mailto:campbell.forsyth2@gov.scot)

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

## **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Independent Child Trafficking Guardians Service

Reference number

CASE/700982

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

- 85300000 - Social work and related 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 Independent Child Trafficking Guardians.

The contract will be for an initial period of 36 months between 01 April 2025 and 31 March 2028, with the option to extend by up to a further 2 x 12 months periods. There will be a Contract Mobilisation period between contract signature and 31 March 2025.

#### **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: £11,000,000

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

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

- 85312310 - Guidance services
- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people
- 85312000 - Social work services without accommodation

- 85321000 - Administrative social services
- 85320000 - Social services
- 85312400 - Welfare services not delivered through residential institutions

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

The requirement is for the operation and management of an Independent Child Trafficking Guardian (ICTG) Service.

Independent Child Trafficking Guardians (also referred to as 'Guardians') will be appointed by the Service Provider to provide support to unaccompanied children and young people arriving in Scotland and who may have been a victim of, or may be vulnerable to becoming a victim of, human trafficking.

The provision of the ICTG Service will fulfil the duty set out under Section 11 of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015, through the development of an Independent Child Trafficking Guardian service, with a focus on prevention of re-trafficking.

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

Quality criterion - Name: UNDERSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE ICTG SERVICE / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: RECRUITMENT, SELECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF ICTGS / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: COMPLAINTS, MONITORING AND REPORTING / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: DATA MANAGEMENT / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: RISK ASSESSMENT AND ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: CONTRACT MOBILISATION AND TRANSITION OF CASES /

Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: CLIMATE EMERGENCY / Weighting: 0

Quality criterion - Name: COMMUNITY BENEFITS / Weighting: 0

Quality criterion - Name: FAIR WORK FIRST / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: BUSINESS CONTINUITY AND DISASTER RECOVERY (BCDR) / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 30

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract value is not anticipated to exceed 11,000,000 GBP inclusive of optional extensions.

As a demand-led contract it is expected that the volume or scope of services is not fixed at the outset but instead fluctuates based on actual demand during the contract period.

In accordance with Regulation 72(1) of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, the volume of services may be modified at the sole discretion of the Purchaser from the estimated volume specified in the contract.

The Pricing Schedule of the Contract provides a mechanism to manage adjustment in the volume of services required.

### **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 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**

Notice number: [2024/S 000-035294](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

CASE/700982

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

4 March 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Aberlour Child Care Trust

Kintail House, Forthside Way

Stirling

FK8 1QZ

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: £11,000,000

**V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Value excluding VAT: £220,000

Proportion: 2 %

Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted

Aberlour Child Care Trust will subcontract certain strategic and policy elements, as well as a portion of ancillary support to Scottish Refugee Council.

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

(SC Ref:793923)

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

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

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

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Edinburgh

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