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Contract

Support for Communities Framework 2022-26

Highlands and Islands Enterprise

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

National registration number

313

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.hie.co.uk>

Buyer's address

http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00313

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Economic and financial affairs

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Support for Communities Framework 2022-26

Reference number

FTS004

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

THIS IS A CONTRACT AWARD NOTICE AND AS SUCH THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS IS COMPLETE.

The Framework is an alternative means of providing a range of practical hands-on support (not advice, which is available through HIE's Specialist Advice Framework) to community organisations and social enterprises that lack the capacity or a particular skill-set to timeously progress an opportunity.

This is added value support and must complement the existing social enterprise support ecosystem and, therefore, must not duplicate services already available via other HIE Frameworks e.g. Board Healthcheck and Skills Training or other public sector/public sector supported organisations, e.g. Business Gateway, Just Enterprise, etc.

It is expected that these services will be required from April 2022 for an initial period of 3 years, with HIE having the option to extend for a period or periods together not exceeding 1 year following the Initial Term.

The 3 year budget currently available to deliver this service is between 400 000 GBP and 450 000 GBP (excluding VAT).

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: £600,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
- 66171000 - Financial consultancy services
- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services
- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services
- 79411000 - General management consultancy services
- 79412000 - Financial management consultancy services

- 79418000 - Procurement consultancy services
- 90713000 - Environmental issues consultancy services
- 71314300 - Energy-efficiency consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The main Types of support, across a range of sectors, are as below:

- Project Management/Delivery
- Project Development
- Performance Management
- Financial and Procurement

Cutting across all of these activities will be the themes of Fair Work, Net Zero and Sustainability. It should be noted that there may be specific project commissions with a clear focus on Net Zero, Fair Work and Sustainability activity.

See Scope of Requirements for full details.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Cyber Security / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Quality criterion - Name: Management & Delivery Methodology / Weighting: 20%

Quality criterion - Name: Management & Delivery Team – Core Individuals / Weighting: 25%

Quality criterion - Name: Management & Delivery Team – Additional Resources / Weighting: 10%

Quality criterion - Name: Risks & Challenges / Weighting: 5%

Price - Weighting: 40%

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

HIE reserves the right, on giving reasonable written notice from time to time, to require changes to the Services to be supplied under the Framework (whether by way of the removal of Services, the addition of new Services, or increasing or decreasing the Services or specifying the order in which the Services are to be performed or the locations where the Services are to be provided). HIE shall not require any such change other than where it is permitted by Regulation 72 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

In accordance with Regulation 72(1)(a) of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, HIE reserves the right to make changes to the volume, scope or location of the Services to be supplied under the Framework following a review of the Services by HIE, particularly with regard to demand and budgetary availability or where HIE's strategic focus changes as a result of changes in Scottish Government policy or as a result of a direction given to them by the Scottish Government. This may result in amendments to existing requirements under the Framework, or the sourcing of new types of support services under the Framework.

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

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

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

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

9 May 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 11

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 11

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 10

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 11

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Aquatera Ltd

Block 3, Old Academy Business Centre

STROMNESS, Orkney

KW16 3AW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM65 - Orkney Islands

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

CEL Trading Ltd

Suite 12a, Fleming House Fleming Road, Kirkton Campus,

LIVINGSTON

EH54 7BN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

CJM Project Financial Management Ltd

6 Crofthead Road

PRESTWICK

KA9 1HW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Delfinity Ltd

Braiklay Farmhouse, Tarves

ELLON

AB41 7NJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Hall Aitken Associates Ltd

Atlantic Chambers, 45 Hope Street

GLASGOW

G2 6AE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

M2 Procurement and Commercial Services Ltd

1a Bishops Drive, Scrabster

THURSO

KW14 7UD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM61 - Caithness & Sutherland and Ross & Cromarty

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

SLIKK7 Ltd

Alpatrick 0/1 150 Glenpatrick Road, Elderslie

JOHNSTONE

PA5 9UH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

SKS Scotland Community Interest Company

1 Greenend Lane, Killearn

GLASGOW

G63 9NR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £600,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This Framework is being procured for Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) and any other Contracting Authority wholly or partly under the control of, or funded by HIE, at any point during the term of this Framework (subject to case-by-case approval by HIE).

The estimated total value of the services over the 4 years is 600000 GBP (excluding VAT). This is the figure that has been used in II.1.7 & V.2.4.

The Framework will be non-exclusive i.e. HIE reserves the right, in certain circumstances, to procure out with the Framework as and when required.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Inverness Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

The Inverness Justice Centre, Longman Road

Inverness

IV1 1AH

Email

inverness@scotcourts.gov.uk

Telephone

+44 1463230782

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/the-courts/court-locations/inverness-sheriff-court-and-justice-of-the-peace-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.