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Tender

Grant Administration Services Framework

Scottish Enterprise
Scottish Government
Highlands and Islands Enterprise
VisitScotland
Creative Scotland
Museums Galleries Scotland

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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NUTS code

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Main address

<http://www.scottish-enterprise.com/>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00398

I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Government

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UKM - Scotland

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Main address

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Buyer's address

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I.1) Name and addresses

Highlands and Islands Enterprise

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Inverness

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Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

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Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

I.1) Name and addresses

VisitScotland

Ocean Point One, 94 Ocean Drive

Edinburgh

EH6 6JH

Email

procurementsupport@visitscotland.com

Telephone

+44 1314722222

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.visitscotland.org>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00118

I.1) Name and addresses

Creative Scotland

The Lighthouse, Mitchell Lane

Glasgow

G1 3NU

Email

kelly.sweeney@creativescotland.com

Telephone

+44 3303332000

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM82 - Glasgow City

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.creativescotland.com>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA15282

I.1) Name and addresses

Museums Galleries Scotland

Waverley Gate, 2-4 Waterloo Place

Edinburgh

EH1 3EG

Email

admin@museumsgalleriesscotland.org.uk

Telephone

+44 1315504100

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.museumsgalleriesscotland.org.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA23723

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

I.3) Communication

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

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

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

Grant Administration Services Framework

Reference number

P21-0117

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 purpose of this ITT is to appoint between 1-3 suppliers to a Framework to deliver grant administration services as detailed in the Specification at Section 3 (the “Services”) to the following commissioning agencies: (1) The Scottish Ministers (“Scottish Government”); (2) Scottish Enterprise (“SE”); (3) Highlands and Islands Enterprise (“HIE”); (4) Visit Scotland; (5) Creative Scotland and (6) Museums Galleries Scotland their respective subsidiaries and associated companies and undertakings (each a “Commissioning Agency” and together the “Commissioning Agencies”)

The Services can be split into three separate elements the detail of which is set out in the Specification at Section 3 of this ITT:

(1) Grant Application Administration;

(2) Grant Application Appraisal; and

(3) Grant Payment Administration,

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £25,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Framework will be for a period of 36 months with the option to extend by one period of 12 months.

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

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

4A2a. Bidders must be registered with the Financial Conduct Authority.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

See procurement documentation for full details.

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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: 3

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

Originally published as:

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20 July 2021

Local time

11:00am

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Date

26 July 2021

Local time

11:00am

See the [change notice](#).

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

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

20 July 2021

Local time

11:00am

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=656902.

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox facility. A user guide is available at

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx.

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

The Contracting Authority does not intend to include a sub-contract clause as part of community benefits (as per Section 25 of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014) in this contract for the following reason:

This tender is for the establishment of a Framework Agreement and call off value will vary.

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2361>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

Please see full details in the procurement documentation.

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Download the ESPD document here:

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=656902

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Glasgow Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

Sheriff Clerk's Office, PO Box 23, 1 Carlton Place,

Glasgow

G5 9DA

Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Scottish Government

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<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Government/Procurement/Selling/supplier-enquiries>

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

In the first instance, contact the Senior Director of Facilities Management and Procurement at Scottish Enterprise, with any concerns or enquiries. Email: <https://www.scottish-enterprise.com/help/contact-us>.

An economic operator that suffers, or risks suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, may bring proceedings that

will be started in the High Court.

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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