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## **Scottish Study of Early Learning and Childcare Phases 4-6**

Scottish Government

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**19 June 2023, 12:00pm**

See the [change notice](#).

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

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

Scottish Government

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Glasgow

G2 8EA

#### **Contact**

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**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/esop/pts-host/public/pts/web/login.html>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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#### **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**

Scottish Study of Early Learning and Childcare Phases 4-6

Reference number

631175

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

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

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

Services

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

Post-expansion Phases of the Scottish Study of Early Learning and Childcare (SSELC Phases 4-6) evaluation which aims to explore the impact of the expansion of funded early learning

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £375,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom
- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

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

Scottish Government Children and Families Analysis Unit and the Directorate for Early Learning and Childcare, on behalf of the Scottish Ministers, wish to commission the Post-expansion Phases of the Scottish Study of Early Learning and Childcare (SSELC Phases 4-6) evaluation which aims to explore the impact of the expansion of funded early learning and childcare (ELC) in Scotland from 600 hours to 1,140 hours per year.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Understanding of the brief ability to meet timescales and Approach to Research and Sampling Design / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Project Management Approach Capacity and Resourcing / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Data Processing Analysis and Deliverables / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Cyber Security / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Ethical Sensitivities / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Quality Assurance Procedures / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Work First / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Climate Emergency / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Community Benefits / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 30

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £375,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Following the end of the initial contract period of 24 months the contract maybe extended by 6 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

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

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

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

List and brief description of selection criteria

Bidders must demonstrate a current ratio of 0.8 or more

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

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Tenderers must have in place the minimum Insurance Levels

Public Liability - 5,000,000 GBP,

Professional indemnity 2,000,000 GBP

Employers Liability 5,000,000 GBP in accordance with any legal obligation for the time being in force.

Such insurances must be maintained for the duration of the Contract and for a minimum of 5 years following the expiry or termination of the contract as appropriate

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **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

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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: [2023/S 000-006260](#)

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Originally published as:

Date

12 June 2023

Local time

12:00pm

Changed to:

Date

19 June 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

12 June 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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## **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**

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.

Please note there are minimum requirements concerning Cyber Security for this contract.

Tenderers are also asked to confirm that they will pay staff that are involved in the delivery of services under the contract at least the real living wage. Tenderers who do not pass these questions will not be subject to Commercial Analysis as a result the tender will not be considered further.

Bidders must complete the SPD (Scotland) to demonstrate adherence to the Exclusion and Selection Criteria for this procurement.

If there are named subcontractors/technicians upon which the bidder will rely to meet the selection criteria, these named parties must

complete and reattach the SPD Supplier Response Form attached to SPD.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 24028.

For more information

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

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see: <https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see: <http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

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A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see: <http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see: <https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

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

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

Graduate, Apprenticeships work placements and/or Trainee placements

Supplier engagement with schools, colleges and/or universities

Targeted employment support, recruitment and work-related training for priority groups within the community (for example long-term

unemployed and young people) as part of your proposed workforce.

Support for existing Charity and Third Sector Organisations that deliver benefits to the communities

Use of SMEs or supported businesses as part of your supply chain

Up-skilling the existing workforce;

Equality and diversity initiatives;

(SC Ref:730208)

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

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

Edinburgh Sheriff Court, Sheriff Court House

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom