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## **Intention to Award a Contract for Hosting & Support of SND & SFSD**

Food Standards Scotland (FSS)

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.foodstandards.gov.scot](http://www.foodstandards.gov.scot)

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA24524](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA24524)

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

National or federal Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Food

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Intention to Award a Contract for Hosting & Support of SND & SFSD

Reference number

FSS/2024/021

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72320000 - Database services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

## Services

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

Food Standards Scotland (FSS) has a requirement for the continuation of Hosting and Support Services for its Scottish National Database (SND) and Scottish Food Sampling Database (SFSD). Additional development of the systems may also be required.

### **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: £700,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 48610000 - Database systems
- 48612000 - Database-management system
- 48611000 - Database software package
- 48613000 - Electronic data management (EDM)
- 48820000 - Servers
- 48825000 - Web servers
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services
- 72250000 - System and support services
- 72253000 - Helpdesk and support services
- 72253100 - Helpdesk services
- 72253200 - Systems support services
- 72230000 - Custom software development services
- 72220000 - Systems and technical consultancy services

- 72300000 - Data services
- 72320000 - Database services
- 72321000 - Added-value database services
- 72322000 - Data management services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Remote services

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

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

Development services may be required. This will be managed using SoWs as set out in the Contract. The estimated value of this work has been accounted for within the estimated contract value of 700,000 GBP.

#### **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**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

- The need for continuity of service using existing digital partners while future options are considered and developed.

- FSS will use the duration of this Contract to secure full access to the databases and their underlying source code, which will provide FSS with greater control over both systems giving FSS the option to either manage and develop them in-house or tender for a fully managed service on the open market which aligns with changing requirements and ensures best value for money.

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

### **Contract No**

FSS/2024/021

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

9 April 2025

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

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

MacLaren West Ltd

15 Firethorn Drive

Cumbernauld

G68 9GL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £700,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=796323](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=796323).

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

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

Edinburgh Sheriff Court & Justice of the Peace Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom