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Tender

## **Independent Supported Living - Onsite (Inverness)**

The Highland Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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

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

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UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

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Main address

<http://www.highland.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00045](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00045)

**I.3) Communication**

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

[www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

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

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Independent Supported Living - Onsite (Inverness)

Reference number

HSCC49

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

The provision of high quality supported independent living services for eligible Young People aged 16–26.

The Service Provider will work the Supported Persons to achieve and maintain an independent living skill set that will afford them the necessary attributes required to succeed at living in suitable long-term accommodation in the future.

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,088,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people
- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation

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

NUTS codes

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

Main site or place of performance

Inverness

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

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#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Start date

1 February 2027

End date

31 March 2030

#### **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**

The contract has an option to extend by up to 12 months.

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

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

#### **III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation**

List and brief description of rules and criteria

Refer to PCS-Tender:

Question 4A.2 - Care Inspectorate Registration

Question 4C.1.2 - Relevant Experience

### **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

## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Form of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure**

Open Procedure

Most Economically Advantageous Tender (MEAT)

Quality:Price 90:10 (see Tender Overview provided in PCS-Tender)

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Date

2 April 2026

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

Tender will be uploaded onto PCS-Tender during week commencing 16th February 2026 with an anticipated upload date of 19th February 2026 (further details of project number below).

Credit Checks:

1.The Council shall obtain a Creditsafe credit check and will score bidders accordingly:

71 - 100 Very Low Risk – Accept

51 - 70 Low Risk - Accept

30 - 50 Moderate Risk – subject to further discussion internally with the option to reject.

21-29 High Risk – subject to further discussion internally with the option to reject.

1-20 Very High Risk – Reject.

\*The following applies if no credit check can be undertaken:

2. Please state current turnover (if contract value is over 50% of reported turnover, further discussion will be had internally with the option to reject).

3. If you are under no obligation to publish accounts on Companies House and/or do not have a comprehensive credit rating then provide audited financial accounts for the previous two years. Both quick and current ratios should be a minimum of 1:1.5 for the two successive years. Bidders whose ratios do not meet the minimum criteria will be rejected. Bidders who can provide audited accounts but chose not to do so shall be rejected.

4. Bidders who have been trading for less than one year and cannot provide audited accounts must submit the cash flow for the current year and a letter from the bank outlining the current cash and credit position for the current year and subsequent year. This will be subject to internal discussion with the option to reject.

5. If bidder still does not meet the financial criteria for consideration but has a parent company that does, the firm may still be eligible for consideration where their submission is supported by a parent company guarantee.

## Insurance:

It is a requirement of this contract that bidders hold, or can commit to obtain prior to the commencement of any subsequently awarded contract, the types and levels of insurance indicated below:

Employer's Liability Insurance = GBP10m

Public Liability Insurance = GBP5m

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 31216. 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 summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

Community Benefits including Fair Working Practices and Environmental Benefits will form part of the evaluation criteria.

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

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

Inverness Sheriff Court

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