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Planning

Christmas Light Switch-on Events

South Lanarkshire Council

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Christmas Light Switch-on Events

Reference number

SLC/CE/23/048

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 92300000 - Entertainment services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

South Lanarkshire Council's Community and Enterprise Resources, Enterprise and Sustainable Development Services have a requirement to appoint a qualified organisation to produce, deliver and manage a programme of staged Christmas celebrations at their Christmas Lights Switch On Events.

The Christmas Light Switch On Events are highly popular, family-based events staged every year in the build up to the festive season.

South Lanarkshire Council invites tenders to provide an event package and event management service for five Christmas Lights Switch On Events in the following towns on the dates as noted:

- Lanark – Saturday 18th November 2023
- East Kilbride Village – Sunday 19th November 2023
- Rutherglen – Saturday 25th November 2023
- Cambuslang – Sunday 26th November 2023
- Carluke – Saturday 2nd December 2023

NB: There is a possibility that a 6th event may be required over the Christmas period.

The 2024 and 2025 events will follow the same pattern of dates (events will fall in this order over these weekends).

Each Christmas Light Switch On Event should last for approximately two hours on a fully rigged outdoor staging unit. Sites for each event have been identified, the detail of these will be provided to the successful tenderer. Previous events have included street entertainment, presenters, giveaways and children's entertainment. The events may contain additional elements such as fairgrounds and Christmas markets. These are not included within the scope of this tender however the successful tenderer may have to liaise with organisers of these elements during the event planning process to provide a holistic event experience.

The lights are traditionally switched on by Santa and South Lanarkshire's Provost at 5pm (although this may vary by town). The events are primarily targeted at families with children aged 16 and under.

Proposals should include the following:

- Provision of staging, pa, lighting and generators.
- Inclusion on technician, riggers and stage production.
- Pre-production
- Potential backline hire for live acts
- Provision of live entertainment (including a headline act)
- Provision of presenters (main presenter and back up MC)
- Complimentary street entertainment
- Provision of suitable first aid cover
- Provision of suitable on-site health and safety advice.
- Provision if event security
- Public Liability Cover for the event.

It is not necessary that all events are identical. The successful candidate will be the licence holder for the event on behalf of South Lanarkshire Council and as such will take on all administrative duties that this entails.

In addition to the Christmas event programme, there may be occasions where South Lanarkshire Council require event management and production at ad hoc times throughout the duration of this contract. With this in mind, bidders are asked to provide a day rate for services. This will allow officers to utilise the services of the successful bidder throughout the duration of the contract if required.

It is expected that the event organisers will have proven expertise in delivering events of a similar nature.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 92300000 - Entertainment services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM95 - South Lanarkshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This contract will be awarded via the Open Tender procedure based on the most economically advantageous tender (MEAT) criteria which enables the Council to take account of criteria that reflect qualitative technical aspects of the tender submission as well as price when reaching an awarding decision.

The Council has adopted a sequential opening process for any tender exercise conducted per the following stages:

As part of Stage 1 the bidders will be required to complete a Single Procurement Document (SPD) as part of the Qualification envelope

self-declaring that they meet the criteria requirements for the Lot.

As part of Stage 2 the bidders will then be required to complete a Technical response based on Technical Specific questions related to the contract including Fair Work First and Community Benefits.

As part of Stage 3 the bidders will then be required to complete a Commercial response based on services required.

As part of the tender evaluation process the Council will then request evidence from the recommended bidders prior to being appointed.

It is anticipated that the form of contract for this Lot will be South Lanarkshire Councils Standard Terms and Conditions for Service.

It is anticipated that the contract term will be for 3 years with the option to extend for up to a further 24 months.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

30 June 2023

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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