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Contract

Framework Agreement for Counselling Services for Children and Young People

The Highland Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04b36a

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

The Highland Council

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Telephone

+44 1349886603

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00045

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

Framework Agreement for Counselling Services for Children and Young People

Reference number

HC/EDU/CSC/2025

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85312320 - Counselling services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Highland Council are looking to establish a Framework Agreement for the purpose of providing Counselling Services to children and young people in the area.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 - Area 1

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85312320 - Counselling services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Highland Council are looking to establish a Framework Agreement in order to provide Counselling Services to children and young people in the area. Each Lot pertains to an area of Associated Schools Groups (ASGs) for which you can bid for particular ASGs within that area. Please see the attached documentation for further information.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

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

II.2.14) Additional information

Please see documentation for further information.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 - Area 2

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85312320 - Counselling services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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

II.2.14) Additional information

Further information available within documentation.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 3 - Area 3

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85312320 - Counselling services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

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

II.2.14) Additional information

Please see the attached documentation for further information.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 4 - Area 4

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85312320 - Counselling services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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

II.2.14) Additional information

See documentation for further information.

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: [2024/S 000-035533](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

Title

Lot 1 - Area 1

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

5 March 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

HPS Ltd

Highland House, 20-9c Longman Road

Inverness

IV1 1RY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Rowan Consultancy

4 Kinnoull Street

Perth

PH1 5EN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

CrossReach (the operating name for The Church of Scotland Social Care Council)

47 Milton Road East

Edinburgh

EH15 2SR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £750,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

Lot 2 - Area 2

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

5 March 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

CrossReach (the operating name for The Church of Scotland Social Care Council)

47 Milton Road East

Edinburgh

EH15 2SR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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Rowan Consultancy

4 Kinnoull Street

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £750,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

3

Title

Lot 3 - Area 3

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

5 March 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 4

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Marit BEHNER-COADY

An Drochaid

Fort William

PH35 6PH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Counseling Care, Skye and Lochalsh

An Doras Dearg, Kilmore, Teangue, Teangue

Isle of Skye

IV44 8RG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Lochaber Hope

Dalnahaine, Belford Road

Fort William

PH33 6ES

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM63 - Lochaber, Skye & Lochalsh, Arran & Cumbrae and Argyll & Bute

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

CrossReach (the operating name for The Church of Scotland Social Care Council)

47 Milton Road East

Edinburgh

EH15 2SR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £750,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

4

Title

Lot 4 - Area 4

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

5 March 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

CAITHNESS COUNSELLING SERVICES LTD

17 Ola Drive

THURSO

KW14 7UE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM61 - Caithness & Sutherland and Ross & Cromarty

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £750,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

See documentation for further information.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Inverness Sherriff Court

Inverness

Country

United Kingdom