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Tender

EC0973 - Financial Auditing - Research Grants

The University of Edinburgh

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-034626

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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NUTS code

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/procurement/supplying>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00107

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>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

EC0973 - Financial Auditing - Research Grants

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79212100 - Financial auditing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The University of Edinburgh is looking for tender submissions from suitably experienced organisations interested in providing Financial Auditing services for Research Grants.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

Lot 1, 2 and 3, depending on MEAT.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

EC grants Audits

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79212100 - Financial auditing services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 1 - EC grants Audits

The University of Edinburgh has around 215 European Commission live research projects with end dates after 2022 as either co-ordinator or partner.

In addition, it is anticipated that the University will be participating in Horizon Europe and the audits will start, depending on their end date and their value after two years from now.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality Criteria / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

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

Start date

14 November 2022

End date

13 November 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

3 years with the option to extend for a further 1 plus 1 years

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

International grants Audits

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79212100 - Financial auditing services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 2 - International grants Audits (US Federal grants, Gates Foundation grants and any other international grants audits as per the T&C of the funders)

The University of Edinburgh has around 380 International live research grants with end dates after 2022. We need to have an annual US NIH Federal audit of our NIH federal grants as the threshold of \$750k is exceeded. In addition, other International funders require audits as per their T&C, including the annual Gates Foundation audit.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality Criteria / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

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

Start date

14 November 2022

End date

13 November 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

3 years with the option to extend for a further 1 plus 1 years

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

UK grants Audit

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79212100 - Financial auditing services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 3 - UK grants Audits (Innovate UK grants and any other UK grants audits as per the T&C of the funders)

The University of Edinburgh has around 25 Innovate UK live research grants with end dates after 2022. Independent Accountant's Reports (IARs) are required for all awards above a 25,000 GBP threshold.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality Criteria / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

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

Start date

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End date

13 November 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

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Description of renewals

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II.2.10) Information about variants

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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

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

Please provide your general annual turnover for the last two financial years

Note: For contracts with an estimated annual value exceeding 100,000 GBP average turnover over the last 2 years should be at least two times the annual value of the contract.

Tenderers are required to hold, or commit to obtaining prior to the commencement of any subsequently awarded contract, the types and levels of insurance listed below:

o Employers Liability Insurance - 5 Million GBP

o Public Liability Insurance - 5 Million GBP

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Where a tenderer does not have the required annual turnover, the UoE may exclude the Tenderer from the competition or may apply discretion seeking supporting evidence to

determine the Tenderer's suitability to proceed in the competition.

Where a Tenderer does not hold or commit to obtaining the types and levels of insurance indicated, the UoE may exclude the Tenderer from the competition or may apply discretion seeking supporting evidence to determine the Tenderer's suitability in the competition

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

Certificates on the Financial Statement (CFS) must be prepared and certified by an auditor qualified to carry out statutory audits of accounting documents in accordance with Directive 2006/43/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2006 on statutory audits of annual accounts and consolidated accounts, amending Council Directives 78/660/EEC and 83/349/EEC and repealing Council Directive 84/253/EEC or similar national regulations.

Provide details of the previous experience your organisation has in undertaking EU audit work with organisations of a similar size, scope and scale as the University of Edinburgh.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Bidder to provide certificates.

Please provide relevant examples of supplies and/or services carried out during the last three years as specified in the Contract Notice:

(Examples from both public and/or private sector customers and clients may be provided)

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 3

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: [2022/S 022-690894](#)

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

Date

15 July 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

15 July 2022

Local time

12:00pm

Place

www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: 2026

VI.3) Additional information

Please confirm that you will be in a position (prior to award) to complete “Schedule 5 – Terms and Conditions of Contract”

Please confirm that you will be in a position (prior to award) to complete “Schedule 6 – Form of Tender”

Please confirm that you will be in a position (prior to award) to complete “Schedule 7 – Freedom of Information” (if applicable)

Please confirm that you will be in a position (prior to award) to complete “Schedule 8 – Sustain Supply Chain Code of Conduct

Please confirm that you will be in a position (prior to award) to comply with “Schedule 9 – Contract Management”

Please confirm that you will be in a position (prior to award) to comply with “Schedule 10 - GDPR”

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 21605. 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:

Please refer to ITT documents.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/the-courts/court-locations/edinburgh-sheriff-court-and-justice-of-the-peace-court>