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## **COVID-19 Wastewater Biostatistical Analysis and Reporting of Prevalence Data**

Scottish Government

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03d52a

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

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

Scottish Government

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United Kingdom

## **NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10482](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10482)

## **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/esop/pts-host/public/pts/web/login.html>

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/esop/pts-host/public/pts/web/login.html>

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

## **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

COVID-19 Wastewater Biostatistical Analysis and Reporting of Prevalence Data

Reference number

CASE/637755

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

- 79723000 - Waste analysis services

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

Services

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

The Scottish Government has a requirement to place a contract with an external service provider for the provision of COVID-19 Wastewater Biostatistical Analysis and Reporting of Prevalence Data.

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

Value excluding VAT: £115,653

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

Data from wastewater testing has been used in Scotland to complement existing case testing, to confirm case trends or provide an alternative means of surveillance as it is a COVID-19 indicator that is independent of healthcare-seeking behaviours and access to clinical testing.

Wastewater Monitoring is an important alternative source of SARS-CoV-2 data in the absence of mass community testing. Wastewater samples are building a picture of SARS-CoV-2 prevalence in Scotland.

Ongoing biostatistical support is required to analyse levels of COVID-19 RNA in wastewater from the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA), refine analytical methodology and explain wastewater findings. This information is used as an independent resource to further understand national and local prevalence levels and support outbreak response decisions.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

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

Start date

2 October 2023

End date

29 March 2024

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **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

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## **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

Bidders must demonstrate a Current Ratio of no less than 0.8. Current Ratio will be calculated as follows: Total current assets divided by Total current liabilities.

There must be no qualification or contra-indication from any evidence provided in support of the bidders economic and financial standing.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Public Liability (in the sum not less) 1,000,000 GBP

Professional Indemnity (in the sum not less) 1,000,000 GBP

Employers Liability (in the sum not less) 5,000,000 GBP

Such insurance must be maintained for the duration of the Contract and for a minimum of 5 years following the expiry or termination of the Contract.

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria

4C.4 Supply Chain Management and Prompt Payment of subcontractors- Tenderers must provide a statement of the relevant supply chain management and/or tracking systems as detailed within the Single Procurement Document, of the Invitation to Tender document.

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

Date

10 July 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

10 July 2023

Local time

2:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

Technical Assessment

Full details of the technical criteria detailed within Invitation to Tender.

Score Definition Description

0 Unacceptable Nil or inadequate response. Fails to demonstrate an ability to meet the requirement.

1 Poor Response is partially relevant but generally poor. The response addresses some elements of the requirement but contains insufficient/limited detail or explanation to demonstrate how the requirement will be fulfilled.

2 Acceptable Response is relevant and acceptable. The response addresses a broad understanding of the requirement but may lack details on how the requirement will be fulfilled in certain areas.

3 Good Response is relevant and good. The response is sufficiently detailed to demonstrate a good understanding and provides details on how the requirements will be fulfilled.

4 Excellent Response is completely relevant and excellent overall. The response is comprehensive, unambiguous and demonstrates a thorough understanding of the requirement and provides details of how the requirement will be met in full.

Please note there are minimum requirements concerning Cyber Security for this contract as



set out in the Evaluation and Award Criteria.

Tenderers must also confirm

- they will pay staff that are involved in the delivery of the contract at least the real Living Wage
- they will meet standards on payment of subcontractors

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 24376. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

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:

The tenderer must provide a Community Benefits proposal that is relevant to the subject matter of this contract and supports the Scottish Ministers' commitment to contributing to the social, economic & environmental well-being of the people of Scotland, as described in the specification.

Tenderers should not provide details of any existing initiatives they already undertake as part of their day-to-day business and the community benefits proposed must be generated specifically for and as a result of this contract.

Good answers will demonstrate to evaluators that the tenderer has a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter of this contract and how the proposed benefits will reflect the national outcomes described in the Specification.

Proposals can be innovative but must be tangible and measurable, so that they can be monitored and reported throughout the contract.

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

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

Edinburgh Sheriff Court & Justice of Peace Court

27 Chamber Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom