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## **Women Returners**

Skills Development Scotland Co. Limited

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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

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**I.3) Communication**

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

Other type

NDPB

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Women Returners

Reference number

P21-038

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

SDS has a requirement to procure, on behalf of the Scottish Government, the delivery of Women Returner programme, which aims to support women returners across Scotland who have had a career break of 6 months or more due to childcare, other care or health commitments or have multiple barriers to employment, e.g. older women (over 50 years of age), disabled women, lone parents, minority ethnic women, women affected by domestic abuse, women from rural or SIMD areas, female veterans/spouses of veterans and also focus on sectors where women are significantly underrepresented in the workforce and at senior levels.

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,500,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services
- 80500000 - Training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

The delivery of Women Returner programme, which aims to support women returners across Scotland who have had a career break of 6 months or more due to childcare, other care or health commitments or have multiple barriers to employment, e.g. older women (over 50 years of age), disabled women, lone parents, minority ethnic women, women affected by domestic abuse, women from rural or SIMD areas, female veterans/spouses

of veterans and also focus on sectors where women are significantly underrepresented in the workforce and at senior levels.

The Programme will support activities that enable the participants to address the barriers that are preventing them from moving along the strategic skills pipeline and allow them to progress to the next stage e.g. employment, education, or training.

Experience of delivering same or similar services are defined as Employability interventions, such as Employability Fund, Fair Start Scotland, Work Able Scotland, Women Returner Initiatives, National Transition Training Fund or Work Programme. Modern Apprenticeships, Work Based Learning and Individual Training Accounts would not be deemed as similar.

Please note that the relevant selection criteria is included in the SPD Scotland Module - Part 2 Information concerning the bidder, Part 3 Exclusions Grounds and Part 4 Selection Criteria - these are pass/fail criteria

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,500,000

#### **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**

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public

Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

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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

Bidders shall be required to pass Stage 1. All bids who pass Stage 1 will be taken forward to Stage 2 and their submission evaluated.

Economic & Financial Standing and Technical & Professional Ability Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

As detailed in Specification and Conditions

## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

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

The scope of services to be provided under this contract falls within the definition of social and other specific services in Schedule 3 to the

Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the regulations") and therefore the procurement process shall in accordance with Regulation 74 of the

Regulation be subject to the requirement of Section 7 of the Regulations. By virtue of regulation 76(3) of the regulations, bidders in any of

the situations listed in regulation 58 of the Regulation may be excluded.

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

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

Date

20 August 2021

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.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic payment will be used

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

Stage 2 Award Criteria - Quality 80%;Cost 20%

Scoring methodology will be used for each of the award criteria of 0-4 as stated in the ITT document.

SDS in awarding places will award up to the estimated budget and or number of places specified or less, as appropriate.

The value is upto 1.5m GBP for year 1 2021-March2022 and/or upto 1500 participants. A further optional 1 year extension period is available to 2022-2023 for up to 1.5m GBP as SDS Discretion

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

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

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