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Tender

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

I.1) Name and addresses

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https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA12862

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

NDPB

I.5) Main activity

Education

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.

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

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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Download the ESPD document here: https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=661170

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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