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Contract

Intention to Award a Contract for Hosting & Support of SND & SFSD

Food Standards Scotland (FSS)

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.foodstandards.gov.scot

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA24524

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Food

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Intention to Award a Contract for Hosting & Support of SND & SFSD

Reference number

FSS/2024/021

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72320000 - Database services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Food Standards Scotland (FSS) has a requirement for the continuation of Hosting and Support Services for its Scottish National Database (SND) and Scottish Food Sampling Database (SFSD). Additional development of the systems may also be required.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £700,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48610000 - Database systems
- 48612000 - Database-management system
- 48611000 - Database software package
- 48613000 - Electronic data management (EDM)

- 48820000 - Servers
- 48825000 - Web servers
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services
- 72250000 - System and support services
- 72253000 - Helpdesk and support services
- 72253100 - Helpdesk services
- 72253200 - Systems support services
- 72230000 - Custom software development services
- 72220000 - Systems and technical consultancy services
- 72300000 - Data services
- 72320000 - Database services
- 72321000 - Added-value database services
- 72322000 - Data management services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Remote services

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 30

Price - Weighting: 70

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Development services may be required. This will be managed using SoWs as set out in the Contract. The estimated value of this work has been accounted for within the estimated contract value of 700,000 GBP.

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 IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

- The need for continuity of service using existing digital partners while future options are considered and developed.

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

FSS/2024/021

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

28 April 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

MacLaren West Ltd

15 Firethorn Drive

Cumbernauld

G68 9GL

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: £700,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Value excluding VAT: £57,540

Proportion: 8 %

Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted

Microsoft Azure to be used to Host the databases

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court & Justice of the Peace Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom