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# CivTech 9.5 - How can we use technology to create the most efficient and secure supply chain for public sector procurements?

Scottish Government

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## Section I: Contracting authority

### I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Government

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**Country**

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

## 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.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.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/

## I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

## I.5) Main activity

General public services

# Section II: Object

## II.1) Scope of the procurement

### II.1.1) Title

CivTech 9.5 - How can we use technology to create the most efficient and secure supply chain for public sector procurements?

### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

### II.1.4) Short description

How can we use technology to create the most efficient and secure supply chain

for public sector procurements, especially in regard to making the requirements,

standards and rules of public sector procurement as efficient to establish as

possible, both for the private sector businesses applying for contracts, and the

organisation assessing those applications; focusing on two initial use cases - cyber

security, design and accessibility.

Supply chains, integral to all organizations, pose a significant risk due to their size,

complexity, and the potential of severely disrupted services if compromised.

Currently, securing supply chains is resource-intensive and often requires manual

efforts from specialist staff which can cause issues - particularly for SMEs.

If we can build a single, effective and efficient system, we could dispense with the

current practice of creating single-use questionnaires for each and every

procurement exercise. This would have significant benefits including resource and

time savings, for both procuring and tendering organisations.

Currently, we do not have this: existing tools provide some data analysis, but

further solutions could enhance this process.

While cyber security and accessibility have been noted as the initial use cases, the

intention is that a successful solution would incorporate all procurement

requirements – for example accessibility, usability and design standards.

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**II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £650,000

**II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## II.2) Description

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

- 79418000 - Procurement consultancy services

### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

### II.2.4) Description of the procurement

CivTech's mission is to drive daring and innovation in the public sector by collaboratively solving Challenges that make people's lives better – and in doing so create generations of sustainable, high growth businesses.

CivTech brings together public sector expertise and private sector innovation to solve real problems, develop new products, and deliver better, faster and easier services for everyone. Central to the approach is co-production with the citizen.

Part of the Scottish Government's Digital Directorate, CivTech's approach is helping

transform public sector engagement with tech and innovation, delivering significant benefits to public services, producing genuine uplifts for the Scottish economy - and along the way, making lives better.

Across the country there are problems public sector organisations would like to solve and in the current environment the need for smart, efficient and effective products has never been greater. The Scottish Government is aware innovation is a good way to create them and is committed to ensuring a large part of its tech spend goes to smaller, innovative businesses. This is where CivTech comes in.

The CivTech Innovation Flow is designed to create products as quickly and effectively as possible, and uses a true Accelerator model at the heart of its Innovation Flow model. For you – whether you're an individual, team or company – it's an opportunity to take on a Challenge, solve it, and win contracts with a blue-chip public sector organisation. You'll build a product, and a business to take it as far as possible. Because here's the kicker: the Challenges we issue aren't 'single organisation' problems – most exist worldwide.

In short: Open Challenges are set. Any organisation, team or individual can respond. Applications are assessed, and shortlisted proposals go into an Exploration Stage where they're developed further [for which participating applicants are paid]. The best go through to the Accelerator – a period of intensive work to create the solution, and through CivTech's unique business workshop system, a business capable of taking the product to the world.

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https://www.civtech.scot/how-to-apply-civtech-9

https://www.civtech.scot/civtech-9-challenge-5-effective-and-secure-supply-chain-procurements

**II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Renewals may be required for the completion of work

**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

# Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

## III.1) Conditions for participation

### III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

# 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

22 August 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

22 August 2023

Local time

12:00pm

# Section VI. Complementary information

## VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

## VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

## VI.3) Additional information

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Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

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## VI.4) Procedures for review

### VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom