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Contract

Sign Language and Associated Services

Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

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Main address

<http://www.parliament.scot>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10284

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Legislative Body

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Devolved Parliament

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Sign Language and Associated Services

Reference number

NIC-SER-456

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79540000 - Interpretation services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Contractor will provide Sign Language Interpretation services and other associated services. The main requirement is for interpreting for English to/from British Sign Language. The Contractor must provide simultaneous BSL interpreting for parliamentary business as requested. This will be filmed live, broadcast on the BSL Channel on SPTV, and archived. It will also be posted on the Parliament's social media accounts and may be used by other broadcasters either live or later.

The Contractor will also provide other sign languages or supporting services as required. Additional sign languages and communication support services which will be in scope of the Contract, include, but are not limited to:

- Tactile BSL
- Electronic Notetakers
- Speech-to-text reporters
- Lip speakers
- Signalong (Sign-a-long)
- Sign Supported English
- International sign languages such as American Sign Language.

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: £100,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of
- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

The Scottish Parliament, Holyrood, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Contractor will provide Sign Language Interpretation and associated services.

The objective of this Contract is to enable people living in Scotland who are hard of hearing, D/deaf or Deafblind, or who have other communication support needs, to engage with the Scottish Parliament and participate meaningfully in parliamentary business, public engagement activities and events.

The Contractor will work cooperatively with the SPCB to find a solution to all SPCB sign language requirements. As a minimum, the Contractor will provide the following Services:

- BSL interpreting of First Minister's Questions (FMQs) which are broadcast live and shown to visitors within the Chamber gallery and Main Hall; BSL interpreting of other Parliamentary business, which may also be filmed or broadcast either live or later.
- Interpreting for Scottish Parliament events, including ceremonial events such as the opening of Parliament or engagement events such as the Festival of Politics. Some of these events will also be filmed, broadcast and archived.
- Interpreting and/or other communication support services for witnesses giving evidence to committees
- Interpreting and/or other communication support services for participants in engagement activities including workshops, focus groups, educational sessions, tours, and meetings
- Interpreting and/or other communication support services for visitors to the Scottish Parliament accessing parliamentary services and facilities.

Most requirements are expected to be for interpreting for English to/from British Sign Language. The Contractor must also provide other sign languages or supporting services as required. Additional sign languages and communication support services which will be in scope of the Contract, include, but are not limited to:

- Tactile BSL
- Electronic Notetakers
- Speech-to-text reporters
- Lip speakers
- Signalong (Sign-a-long)
- Sign Supported English
- International sign languages such as American Sign Language. It is understood this may require the Contractor to work with Sub-Contractors or freelancers who don't usually work in Scotland on occasion; all such requirements will be discussed with the Contractor as required.

Parliamentary business and major events will normally be filmed and broadcast live on SPTV. Footage is subsequently made available through the Video Archive on SPTV and posted on the Parliament's YouTube channel. Some requirements may also be broadcast by external broadcasters. Filmed parliamentary business and events that include BSL interpreting will also be posted on the Parliament's BSL Facebook Group and shared through other social media channels. Requirements for live interpreting of parliamentary business which is broadcast will always be in BSL and are expected to be the main requirement of the Contract. The Contractor must be able to provide this Service to a high standard.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 50

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 50

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 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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

NIC-SER-456

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 July 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £100,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Please note that there are minimum requirements concerning Cyber Security for this contract to which a pass/fail marking will attach. Bidders will be required to complete an online Supplier Assurance Questionnaire using the Cyber Security Procurement Support Tool (CSPST). A link to CSPST can be found here: <https://cyberassessment.gov.scot>.

The questionnaire will be aligned to a Cyber Risk Profile that has been established for the contract, based on the SPCB's assessment of cyber risk.

Further details can be found in the Tender Invitation Letter. A contract condition for this procurement requires the bidder to comply with minimum security requirements.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court House

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United Kingdom