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Tender

Fund Management Services - Workplace Equality Fund

Scottish Government

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02d12a

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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<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.publictendersscotland.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.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

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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

Fund Management Services - Workplace Equality Fund

Reference number

517574

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75000000 - Administration, defence and social security services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Scottish Government is seeking applications from experienced fund administrators to manage our Workplace Equality Fund (WEF) from October 2021 to 31st March 2024, with potential for extension to 31st March 2026.

The purpose of the Workplace Equality Fund is to work with employers to address long standing barriers particular groups face in entering and progressing in the labour market so that everyone in Scotland has the opportunity to fulfil their potential.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £400,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75000000 - Administration, defence and social security services
- 75112100 - Administrative development project services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The purpose of the Workplace Equality Fund is to work with employers to address long standing barriers particular groups face in entering and progressing in the labour market so that everyone in Scotland has the opportunity to fulfil their potential. The Scottish Government are keen to ensure that our economy is representative of our society, and that we focus on delivering a fair and inclusive economic growth. This is particularly important as we recover from the economic impact of COVID-19 and the economic implications of Brexit.

The Workplace Equality Fund was launched in 2018 to support the delivery of the Scottish Government's Programme for Government (2016 & 17), Fair Work Framework, A fairer Scotland for all: race equality action plan and highlight report 2017-2021, Disability Delivery Action Plan; Scotland's Labour Market Strategy and Fairer Scotland Action Plan. In addition it continues to support the delivery of the Scottish Government's Programme for Government, Gender Pay Gap Action Plan, A Fairer Scotland for Older People – A Framework for Action, Disability Employment Action Plan, Fair Work Action Plan, Race Equality Framework, the Equally Safe strategy and delivery plan, Scotland's strategy for preventing and eradicating violence against women and girls, and our Strategy for tackling social isolation.

The overall contract value includes for both the initial 3 year term and potential 2 year extension period.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Criteria / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £400,000

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

Start date

1 October 2021

End date

31 March 2024

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract may be extended by a period of up to 24 months, i.e. to 31st March 2026

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

List and brief description of selection criteria

Bidders must refer to the SPD Bidders Guidance Instructions document concerning Section B, part IV, Economic and Financial Standing selection criteria. SPD (Scotland) Selection Criteria Section, question Section B, part IV, Economic and Financial Standing:

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

4B.4 - Bidders will be required to state the value of the following financial ratio for the last two years:

Type of Ratio: Current Ratio

Description: The ratio will be calculated as follows: total current assets divided by total current liabilities.

Minimum Requirement: 1.0

4B.5.1A, 4B.5.1B & 4B.5.2 - It is a requirement of this contract that bidders hold, or can commit to obtain prior to the commencement of any subsequently awarded contract, the types and levels of insurance indicated below:

Professional Risk Indemnity Insurance: 5 000 000 GBP

Employer's (Compulsory) Liability Insurance: 5 000 000 GBP

Public Liability Insurance: 5 000 000 GBP

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

Bidders must refer to the SPD Bidders Guidance Instructions document concerning Section C, part IV, Technical and Professional Ability selection criteria. SPD (Scotland) Selection Criteria Section, question Section C, part IV, Technical and Professional Ability:

4C.1.2 and 4C.10.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

4C.1.2 - Bidders will be required to provide examples that demonstrate that they have the relevant experience to deliver the services/supplies as described in the Find a Tender Service Contract Notice or the relevant section of the Site Notice.

4C.10 - Bidders will be required to confirm whether they intend to subcontract and, if so, for what proportion of the contract (FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY).

Bidders will be required to provide examples that demonstrate that they have the relevant experience to deliver the services/supplies as described in the Find a Tender Service Contract Notice or the relevant section of the Site Notice.

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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

10 September 2021

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

10 September 2021

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 ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 19381. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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