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Planning

Software and Software Support Framework

Scottish Government

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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

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Software and Software Support Framework

Reference number

SP-21-034

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Scottish Procurement intends to create a national collaborative framework arrangement for use by the wider Scottish public sector for the provision of software and software supporting services (full scope to be defined).

The new framework will build on the success of the current NHS Software Value Added Reseller (SVAR) agreement which is due to expire in June 2022 . Details at the link below:

https://www.gov.scot/publications/software-value-added-re-seller-framework/

In order to inform the commodity strategy, Scottish Procurement is seeking views from suppliers and stakeholders .

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £250,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72253000 - Helpdesk and support services

- 72260000 - Software-related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The full scope, structure and lotting arrangements have still to be determined however the following list provides details on the current services being offered to the Scottish public sector:

- Purchase of commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) software & support services

- Services in support of purchased software - including but not limited to software support, software implementation services and Software as a Service (SaaS).

- Helpdesk facilities - a 24/7 helpdesk to provide support and advice

- Asset recording of all purchased software

- Aggregation of bulk software purchases

- Running of pricing competitions between software options to identify further savings;

- Provision of advice with regards to licencing.

- Licencing compliance checks

- Maintenance of software licence records, software audit services, data migration services and software asset management

Suppliers and other interested parties should read and complete the following Request for Information (RFI) Online Questionnaire accessible via the link below:

https://response.questback.com/scottishgovernment/4k1tstzpyw

The survey closing time and date is midday on 20 August 2021.

II.2.14) Additional information

Scottish public sector organisations will be able to join this arrangement at any time; the new framework will not be mandated.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

18 October 2021

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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If you're an SME or 3rd sector organisation interested in working with the public sector, the Supplier Development Programme can help offer expert training, support and information to help you win work and grow your business . Please find further information at the link below:

https://www.sdpscotland.co.uk/?utm_source=pcs&utm_medium=frontpage&utm_content=march16&utm_campaign=SDP03

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The information contained within this Prior Information Notice, or in any communication made between Scottish Government and any supplier (in relation to this requirement), must not be assumed as creating a contract or agreement.

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