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Awarded contract

Expert Help Management Consultancy

South of Scotland Enterprise Agency

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

South of Scotland Enterprise Agency

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NUTS code

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Main address

<https://www.southofscotlandenterprise.com>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA30448

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Economic and financial affairs

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Expert Help Management Consultancy

Reference number

SOSE026

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 66171000 - Financial consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The South of Scotland Enterprise Agency (SOSE) are undertaking a tender process to identify and appoint a ranked framework contract of Service Provider(s) covering all aspects of Operations-specific consultancy requirements for SME's within the South of Scotland (Scottish Borders and Dumfries and Galloway) area. This contract will be divided into Lots as follows:

Lot 1 - Strategy/Marketing & Communications

Lot 2 - HR & Workforce Development

Lot 3 - Innovation & Business Improvement

Lot 4 - ICT/Digital

Lot 5 - Low Carbon/Net Zero

Lot 6 - International Trade

Suppliers can bid for one, all or a mixture of the Lots.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

Value excluding VAT: £708,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Strategy/Marketing & Communications

Lot No

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79342000 - Marketing services
- 79340000 - Advertising and marketing services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM9 - Southern Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

1-2-1 Engagement:

- Strategic Review: Includes high level business planning, strategic reviews, 1-2-1 engagement with leadership teams, post covid recovery planning
- Financial review: 1-2-1 engagement, Includes models, systems and reporting, strategic reviews of complex opportunities and taxation
- Access to finance: 1-2-1 Includes shaping prospectus for approach to funders. Complementing investor readiness and the SIB resource as appropriate
- Sales and marketing: Includes market assessment, domestic and international marketing

Expert Help Surgeries:

- Surgeries offering business 1.5 hour of expert help on strategy/Communications and Marketing

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Conflict of Interest / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Quality criterion - Name: Cyber Security / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

HR & Workforce Development

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79414000 - Human resources management consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM9 - Southern Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

1-2-1 Engagement:

-Human Resources: Includes employment and employee development

- HR policy, planning and practice: Review employee engagement, wellbeing, Skills analysis and succession planning

- Workplace culture Review: Help leadership teams to develop longer term workforce plans. Guidance on developing company structure

Expert Help Surgeries:

- Surgeries offering business 1.5 hour of expert help on strategy/Communications and Marketing

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Conflict of Interest / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Quality criterion - Name: Cyber Security / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Innovation & Business Improvement

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 71317210 - Health and safety consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM9 - Southern Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

1-2-1 Engagement:

- New product development: Intensive sessions with business owners and leaderships team
- Process review: Includes areas of business improvement, operational, health & safety
- Research & Development: Includes helping prepare for R&D
- Governance: Includes board development, legal structure, new delivery/business models, collaboration
- Intellectual Property: Includes Trademarks, Copyright, Registered Design and Patent advice
- Change Management: Working directly with organisations to assist through a period of change, this be ownership, manufacturing methods or major staffing changes for example

Expert Help Surgeries:

- Surgeries offering business 1.5 hour of expert help on strategy/Communications and Marketing

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Conflict of Interest / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Quality criterion - Name: Cyber Security / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

ICT/Digital

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72223000 - Information technology requirements review services
- 72222000 - Information systems or technology strategic review and planning services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM9 - Southern Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

1-2-1 Engagement:

- Digital Boost Delivery: Digital Boost will give direct assistance businesses in South of Scotland Region with up to 21 hours of 1-2-1 support and consultancy to raise their skills and knowledge levels, so they adopt and optimise the use of digital technology.

- Strategic Review: To complement and add value to the Digital Boost Delivery - Includes high level business planning and 1-2-1 engagement with leadership teams

Expert Help Surgeries:

- Surgeries offering business 1.5 hour of expert help on strategy/Communications and Marketing

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Conflict of Interest / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Quality criterion - Name: Cyber Security / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Low Carbon/Net Zero

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90700000 - Environmental services
- 80540000 - Environmental training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM9 - Southern Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

1-2-1 Engagement:

- Environmental Impact Reports: Includes high level environmental Impact diagnostics
- Environmental Reviews: Reviewing operations, benchmarking, and action plans

Expert Help Surgeries:

- Surgeries offering business 1.5 hour of expert help on strategy/Communications and Marketing

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Conflict of Interest / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Quality criterion - Name: Cyber Security / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

International Trade

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM9 - Southern Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

1-2-1 Engagement:

- New Market Development: Strategic Intensive sessions with business owners and leaderships team
- Strategic Review: Includes high level business planning and 1-2-1 engagement with leadership teams
- Access to finance: Includes shaping prospectus for approach to funders. Complementing investor readiness and the SIB resource as appropriate
- Sales and marketing: Includes market assessment, domestic and international marketing

Expert Help Surgeries:

- Surgeries offering business 1.5 hour of expert help on strategy/Communications and Marketing

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Conflict of Interest / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Quality criterion - Name: Cyber Security / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

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.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used

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

Notice number: [2021/S 000-010288](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

Title

Strategy/Marketing & Communications

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

5 August 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 14

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 13

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 14

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Become Interactive Ltd

0/1, 36 Polwarth Street

Glasgow

G12 9TX

Telephone

+44 1415856333

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Business & Tourism Solutions Ltd

23 Stafford Street

Edinburgh

EH3 7BJ

Telephone

+44 7909915196

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: £708,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

HR & Workforce Development

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

5 August 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 12

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 11

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 12

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Arena HR Ltd

Ingram Enterprise Centre,, John Finnie Street

Kilmarnock

KA1 1DD

Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Connect Three Solutions

Second Floor, Rogart Street Campus, 4 Rogart Street

Glasgow

G40 2AA

Telephone

+44 7835662365

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £708,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

3

Title

Innovation & Business Improvement

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

5 August 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 10

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 10

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 10

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Leadership Factory

Springfield House, Laurelhill Business Park

Stirling

FK7 9JQ

Telephone

+44 7885477823

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM77 - Perth & Kinross and Stirling

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Quarter Past Five Ltd

20 Paidmyre Road, Newton Mearns

Glasgow

G77 5AJ

Telephone

+44 7779352007

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM83 - Inverclyde, East Renfrewshire and Renfrewshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £708,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

4

Title

ICT/Digital

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

5 August 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 7

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 7

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 7

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Become Interactive Ltd

0/1, 36 Polwarth Street

Glasgow

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £708,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

5

Title

Low Carbon/Net Zero

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

5 August 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 7

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 7

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 7

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £708,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

6

Title

International Trade

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

5 August 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 7

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 7

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 7

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Glasgow

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Telephone

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Fax

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM9 - Southern Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Business & Tourism Solutions Ltd

23 Stafford Street

Edinburgh

EH3 7BJ

Telephone

+44 7909915196

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: £708,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

In order to participate, bidders should register, for free, on the PCS website (www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk), and record their interest in this contract and download and complete all relevant documentation.

Tenders must be submitted via the PCS postbox and must be received by the published deadline. Late tenders will not be accepted. SOSE will reject any submissions received after the deadline. Email or hard copy responses will not be accepted.

PCS also gives bidders access to a Question & Answer facility which allows queries to be submitted (anonymously), and answers published and shared with all potential bidders.

This Framework will be non-exclusive i.e. SOSE reserves the right, in certain circumstances, to procure out with the Framework as and when required.

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.

Community benefits are included in this requirement. A summary of the expected community benefits is included in the Invitation to Tender.

Fair Work and Sustainability practices will be reviewed as part of this tender process.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Dumfries Sheriff Court

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Dumfries

DG1 2AN

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Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Scottish Government Single Point of Enquiry

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Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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