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## **Cyber Security Assurance Services Framework**

City of Edinburgh Council

F02: Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspxD=AA00290](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspxD=AA00290)

**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>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Cyber Security Assurance Services Framework

Reference number

CT1218

#### **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**

The City of Edinburgh Council is focused on establishing a robust Framework for the procurement of secure digital services. It aims to enhance the Council's ability to assess and select IT service providers that meet stringent security requirements, ensuring the delivery of secure and reliable digital services.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £750,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Threat Intelligence

Lot No

4

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

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

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The City of Edinburgh Council intends to establish a Framework Agreement that will provide the Council with a range of ICT information and system security assessments.

These include:

- Threat Intelligence

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality from Lot 1 / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £15,000

### **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

Possible extension up to 24 months.

### **II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number: 5

#### **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

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Vulnerability Assessments

Lot No

5

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

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

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The City of Edinburgh Council intends to establish a Framework Agreement that will provide the Council with a range of ICT information and system security assessments.

These include:

- Vulnerability Assessments

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality from Lot 1 / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £15,000

#### **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

Possible extension up to 24 months.

#### **II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number: 5

#### **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

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Essential Services: Penetration Testing, Security Assurance & Reporting, Advice & Consultation

Lot No

1

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

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

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The City of Edinburgh Council intends to establish a Framework Agreement that will provide the Council with a range of ICT information and system security assessments.

These include:

- Penetration testing and vulnerability assessments against industry standards at application, component, and full stack levels, and
- Security assurance and reporting of proposed new technologies and services.

Suppliers must also provide:

- Advice and consultation on proposed and existing cloud developments,
- Advice and consultation on proposed and existing cloud infrastructure configurations, and
- Advice and consultation on cloud technologies to support ongoing management of our cloud operations.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Delivery of Services / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Advice and Consultancy / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Account Management and Staffing / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Business continuity / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: The Environment / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Work Practices / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Community Benefits / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 50

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £675,000

#### **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

Possible extension up to 24 months.

#### **II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number: 5

#### **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

### **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Incident Response, Digital Forensics, Data Breach Assessment & Recovery

Lot No

2

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

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

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The City of Edinburgh Council intends to establish a Framework Agreement that will provide the Council with a range of ICT information and system security assessments.

These include:

- Incident Response,
- Digital Forensics,
- Data Breach Assessment and Recovery.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality from Lot 1 / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £15,000

### **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

Possible extension up to 24 months.

#### **II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number: 5

#### **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

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Security Audit – PCI, Security Architecture/Design Review, Compliance & Regulatory Services.

Lot No

3

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

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

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The City of Edinburgh Council intends to establish a Framework Agreement that will provide the Council with a range of ICT information and system security assessments.

These include:

- Security Audit – PCI,
- Security Architecture/Design Review,
- Compliance and Regulatory Services.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality from Lot 1 / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £15,000

#### **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

Possible extension up to 24 months.

#### **II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number: 5

#### **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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Data & Hardware Sanitisation

Lot No

6

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

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

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The City of Edinburgh Council intends to establish a Framework Agreement that will provide the Council with a range of ICT information and system security assessments.

These include:

- Data and Hardware Sanitisation

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality from Lot 1 / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £15,000

**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

Possible extension up to 24 months.

**II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number: 5

**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

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

**III.1) Conditions for participation**

**III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

Suppliers are required to comply with the following qualification and accreditation requirements:

1. CREST or CHECK accredited, evidence of accreditation will be required.
2. Assessments carried out by your organisation are conducted by appropriately qualified individuals, for example (CISSP, CISM, CEH, CCSP, OSCP, CCT INF) or equivalent.
3. Accredited Microsoft, AWS Partner or equivalent.

### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria

Tenderers are required to have a minimum “general” annual turnover as detailed below for the last two financial years. Where a Tenderer does not have an annual turnover of this value, the Council may exclude the Tenderer from the competition or may apply discretion, seeking supporting evidence to determine the Tenderer’s suitability to proceed in the competition.

The formula for calculating a Tenderer’s current ratio is current assets divided by current liabilities. The acceptable range for each financial ratio is greater than the ratio as detailed below. Where a Tenderer’s current ratio is less than the acceptable value, the Council may exclude the Tenderer from the competition or may apply discretion, seeking supporting evidence to determine the Tenderer’s suitability to proceed in the competition.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Estimated Value pa Minimum “General” Annual Turnover Ratio

Cyber Assurance Framework 250,000 GBP 1.10

It is a mandatory requirement that service providers appointed to this Framework Agreement have the following insurance in place:

- Professional Indemnity Insurance (minimum of 5 Million GBP)
- Employer’s Liability Insurance (minimum of 5 Million GBP)
- Public Liability Insurance (minimum of 5 Million GBP)

### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Restricted procedure

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 6

#### **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

31 July 2024

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

2 September 2024

#### **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)

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this PQQ exercise. The Project code is 26662. For more information see:

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

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

Community Benefits requirements will be published as part of the ITT stage.

(SC Ref:767446)

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Sheriff Court

Sheriff Court House, 27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

An economic operator that suffers or risks suffering loss or damage attributable to a

breach of duty under Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or Court of Session. A claim for an ineffectiveness order must be made within 30 days of the Contract Award Notice being published in the Find a Tender Service within 30 days of the date those who expressed an interest in or otherwise bid for the contract were informed of the conclusion of the contract or in any other case within 6 months from the date on which the contract was entered into.