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Planning

Electronic Counting for Scottish Local Government Elections 2027

Scottish Government

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Government

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NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

National registration number

Case/692538

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

Electronic Counting for Scottish Local Government Elections 2027

Reference number

CASE/692538

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72140000 - Computer hardware acceptance testing consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Scottish Government has a requirement to place a contract with an external service provider for the provision of Electronic Counting for Scottish Local Government Elections 2027 and by-elections up to 2032.

The successful service provider(s) will be required to deliver eCounting for the proposed 2027 elections and by-elections up to 2032.

The services required include only those necessary to prepare for and deliver the electronic counting of votes and do not extend as far as the provision of services for the conduct of the elections themselves, which remains the responsibility of the Local Authorities.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £12,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 22821000 - Electoral forms
- 72212900 - Miscellaneous software development services and computer systems
- 72222000 - Information systems or technology strategic review and planning services
- 72313000 - Data capture services

- 72500000 - Computer-related services
- 79810000 - Printing services
- 79820000 - Services related to printing
- 80500000 - Training services
- 80510000 - Specialist training services
- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

As part of the development of a procurement strategy for an Electronic Vote Counting System (eCounting) for Scottish Local Government Elections in 2027 and Local Government by-elections up to 2032, the Scottish Government is seeking views and information from industry and the market place in connection with the areas set out in this Request for Information (RFI).

Information provided in response to this request will be used in the development of the procurement strategy. This includes the use of lotting for this requirement which will be determined before invitation to tender issue.

The proposed route to market will be a open procedure that will be published on PCS-T to provide an fair an open competition.

II.2.14) Additional information

Invitation to Tender documentation is due for issue via PCS-T early January 2025 with an estimated contract start date of End of October 2025.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

13 January 2025

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

Suppliers should read the RFI Overview and answer the RFI Questions if they are interested in this opportunity and return responses to Sophie.Stark@gov.scot by the deadline of the 31st July 2024.

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=770851.](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=770851)

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