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Contract

CivTech 9.5 - How can we use technology to create the most efficient and secure supply chain for public sector procurements?

Scottish Government

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Government

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G2 8EA

Contact

Leigh Syme

Email

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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.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**

CivTech 9.5 - How can we use technology to create the most efficient and secure supply chain for public sector procurements?

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

How can we use technology to create the most efficient and secure supply chain for public sector procurements, especially in regard to making the requirements, standards and rules of public sector procurement as efficient to establish as possible, both for the private sector businesses applying for contracts, and the organisation assessing those applications; focusing on two initial use cases - cyber security, design and accessibility.

Supply chains, integral to all organizations, pose a significant risk due to their size, complexity, and the potential of severely disrupted services if compromised.

Currently, securing supply chains is resource-intensive and often requires manual efforts from specialist staff which can cause issues - particularly for SMEs.

If we can build a single, effective and efficient system, we could dispense with the current practice of creating single-use questionnaires for each and every procurement exercise. This would have significant benefits including resource and time savings, for both procuring and tendering organisations.

Currently, we do not have this: existing tools provide some data analysis, but further solutions could enhance this process.

While cyber security and accessibility have been noted as the initial use cases, the intention is that a successful solution would incorporate all procurement requirements – for example accessibility, usability and design standards.

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II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £650,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79418000 - Procurement consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

CivTech's mission is to drive daring and innovation in the public sector by collaboratively solving Challenges that make people's lives better – and in doing so create generations of sustainable, high growth businesses.

CivTech brings together public sector expertise and private sector innovation to solve real problems, develop new products, and deliver better, faster and easier services for everyone. Central to the approach is co-production with the citizen.

Part of the Scottish Government's Digital Directorate, CivTech's approach is helping transform public sector engagement with tech and innovation, delivering significant benefits to public services, producing genuine uplifts for the Scottish economy - and along the way, making lives better.

Across the country there are problems public sector organisations would like to solve and in the current environment the need for smart, efficient and effective products has never been greater. The Scottish Government is aware innovation is a good way to create them and is committed to ensuring a large part of its tech spend goes to smaller, innovative businesses. This is where CivTech comes in.

The CivTech Innovation Flow is designed to create products as quickly and effectively as possible, and uses a true Accelerator model at the heart of its Innovation Flow model. For you – whether you're an individual, team or company – it's an opportunity to take on a Challenge, solve it, and win contracts with a blue-chip public sector organisation. You'll build a product, and a business to take it as far as possible. Because here's the kicker: the Challenges we issue aren't 'single organisation' problems – most exist worldwide.

In short: Open Challenges are set. Any organisation, team or individual can respond. Applications are assessed, and shortlisted proposals go into an Exploration Stage where they're developed further [for which participating applicants are paid]. The best go through to the Accelerator – a period of intensive work to create the solution, and through CivTech's unique business workshop system, a business capable of taking the product to the world.

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<https://www.civtech.scot/how-to-apply-civtech-9>

<https://www.civtech.scot/civtech-9-challenge-5-effective-and-secure-supply-chain-procurements>

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

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.1.8) 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

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

20 June 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 19

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 19

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 19

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 19

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Procurement Technologies

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London

SE10 0BJ

Telephone

+44 7909335337

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)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £650,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £598,158

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom