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Tender

Delivery of Spectra 2026 and 2027

Aberdeen City Council

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-022152

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0515a4

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00231

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Recreation, culture and religion

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Delivery of Spectra 2026 and 2027

Reference number

CRN00040110

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 92000000 - Recreational, cultural and sporting services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Contract for the curation and production of the programme for Spectra, Scotland's Festival of Light, in 2026 and 2027

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79952100 - Cultural event organisation services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

Main site or place of performance

Union Terrace Gardens and additional city centre locations

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Aberdeen City Council are seeking to appoint an experienced festival or event production company to curate and produce the programme for Spectra, Scotland's Festival of Light in 2026 and 2027.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Programme / Weighting: 40

Quality criterion - Name: Contract Management and Management Information / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Production Management / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability and Community Benefits / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental Wellbeing / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 5

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

22

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: Yes

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 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

Relevant selection criteria will be included in the SPD module

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

Relevant selection criteria will be included in the SPD module

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

Relevant selection criteria will be included in the SPD module

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

17 June 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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

Tender must be valid until: 31 July 2025

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

17 June 2025

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

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=799088.

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox facility. A user guide is available at

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx.

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. 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:

The following have been identified as community benefit objectives in relation to this contract:

Community engagement and community empowerment.

Collaborative working.

Promoting Fair Work Practices/ The Living Wage.

Education; employability and skills training.

Providing positive improvements to the city's wellbeing; socially, economically and environmentally.

Innovation

Prompt payment through the supply chain

Supported Businesses

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Download the ESPD document here:

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=799088

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Aberdeen Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace

Castle Street

Aberdeen

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Country

United Kingdom