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## **Delivery of Spectra 2026 and 2027**

Aberdeen City Council

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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

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**NUTS code**

UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00231](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](http://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](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

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

Regional or local authority

## **I.5) Main activity**

Recreation, culture and religion

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## **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

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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

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

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### VI.3) Additional information

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=799088](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=799088).

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help\\_guides.aspx](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx).

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

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

Aberdeen Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace

Castle Street

Aberdeen

AB10 1WP

Country

United Kingdom