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Tender

Centre of Expertise for Plant Health

Scottish Government

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0363f2

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Government

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Glasgow

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

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

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

<https://www.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.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

<https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Centre of Expertise for Plant Health

Reference number

CASE/592055

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related 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 external service providers for the Centre of Expertise for Plant Health

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £3,500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 90700000 - Environmental services
- 03110000 - Crops, products of market gardening and horticulture
- 73100000 - Research and experimental development services
- 73120000 - Experimental development services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Scottish Government's Rural and Environmental Science and Analytical Services Division (RESAS) is re-commissioning the Centre of Expertise on Plant Health (Scotland's Plant Health Centre). The centre should bring the best available plant health expertise into a virtual centre, to coordinate access by policy colleagues to expertise from across Scotland, and to enhance synergy of effort and to stimulate innovative thinking in support of plant health policy. The Centre will fulfil this role by ensuring that Scottish Government has the best evidence available to deliver its environmental-related policies. Through its expertise in the relevant subject matter and its relationships across the research community it will deliver a programme of evidence and research which supports plant health policy making across all relevant sectors (forestry/natural environment/agriculture/horticulture); it will simplify access by policy officials to expertise from across Scotland and beyond; enhance synergy of effort and; stimulate innovative thinking in support of plant health and environmental policy.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £3,500,000

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

Start date

1 April 2023

End date

31 March 2026

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Scottish Government, subject to satisfactory Service Provider performance, the continuing need for the service and availability of budget, will reserve the option to extend the Initial Term for a maximum of two years.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Scottish Government, subject to satisfactory Service Provider performance, the continuing need for the service and availability of budget, will reserve the option to extend the Initial Term for a maximum of two years.

II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

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.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

Current Ratio will be calculated as follows:

net current assets divided by net current liabilities.

There must be no qualification or contra-indication from any evidence provided in support of the bidders economic and financial standing.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Bidders must demonstrate a Current Ratio of no less than 0.8.

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2022/S 042-690861](#)

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

Date

18 October 2022

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

18 October 2022

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

Single Procurement Document will be scored on a pass/fail basis.

Award Criteria Questions can be found in the ITT together with the weightings. Question scoring methodology for award criteria is outlined in Invitation to Tender.

Bidders must complete the SPD (Scotland) to demonstrate adherence to the exclusion and selection criteria for this procurement. If there

are named subcontractors/technicians upon which the bidder will rely to meet the selection criteria, these named parties must complete and

reattach the SPD Supplier Response Form attached to SPD questions 2C.1.1 (Reliance on the capacity of other entities) and 2D.1.2 (Subcontractors) on PCS-T.

These parties must complete the first 3 sections of the SPD form, as well as any part of the Section 4 selection criteria that the main

bidder will rely upon the parties to fulfil. If parties have not yet been identified, this information may be required at a later date. Scottish Government reserves the right to request this information from relevant parties upon whom the main bidder will not rely to fulfil selection criteria.

4C.1 Bidders will be required to confirm whether they intend to sub-contract and if so, for

what proportion of the contract.

Please see PCS-T for the Invitation to Tender documentation; Project Code: 22187 and ITT Code: 46065

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 46065. For more information see:

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

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

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 are included in this requirement. For more information see:

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

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court & Justice of the Peace Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH11LB

Country

United Kingdom