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Contract

## **Scottish Study of Early Learning and Childcare Phases 4-6**

Scottish Government

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03addb

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

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

Scottish Government

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**NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

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Main address

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

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10482](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

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**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Scottish Study of Early Learning and Childcare Phases 4-6

Reference number

631175

### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

### **II.1.4) Short description**

Post-expansion Phases of the Scottish Study of Early Learning and Childcare (SSELC Phases 4-6) evaluation which aims to explore the impact of the expansion of funded early learning

### **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: £354,197

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom
- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Scottish Government Children and Families Analysis Unit and the Directorate for Early Learning and Childcare, on behalf of the Scottish Ministers, wished to commission the Post-expansion Phases of the Scottish Study of Early Learning and Childcare (SSELC Phases 4-6) evaluation which aimed to explore the impact of the expansion of funded early learning and

childcare (ELC) in Scotland from 600 hours to 1,140 hours per year.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Understanding of the brief ability to meet timescales and Approach to Research and Sampling Design / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Project Management Approach Capacity and Resourcing / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Data Processing Analysis and Deliverables / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Cyber Security / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Ethical Sensitivities / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Quality Assurance Procedures / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Work First / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Climate Emergency / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Community Benefits / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 30

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

This is a 24 month contract with the expected start date of 16th August 2023. There will be the opportunity to extend this contract for a further 6 months at Scottish Ministers discretion.

### **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 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: [2023/S 000-013830](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

631175

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

26 July 2023

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

ScotCen Social Research (Scottish Centre for Social Research)

ScotiaBank House, 2nd Floor,, 6 South Charlotte Street

Edinburgh

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

No

### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £354,197

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Question Scoring Methodology for Award Criteria outlined in invitation to tender

0 Unacceptable Nil or inadequate response. Fails to demonstrate an ability to meet the requirement.

1 Poor Response is partially relevant but generally poor. The response addresses some elements of the

requirement but contains insufficient/limited detail or explanation to demonstrate how the requirement will be

fulfilled.

2 Acceptable Response is relevant and acceptable. The response addresses a broad understanding of the

requirement but may lack details on how the requirement will be fulfilled in certain areas.

3 Good Response is relevant and good. The response is sufficiently detailed to demonstrate a good

understanding and provides details on how the requirements will be fulfilled.

4 Excellent Response is completely relevant and excellent overall.

Please note there are minimum requirements concerning Cyber Security for this contract.

Tenderers are also asked to confirm that they will pay staff that are involved in the delivery of services under the contract at least the real living wage. Tenderers who do not pass these questions will not be subject to Commercial Analysis as a result the tender will not be considered further.

Bidders had to 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.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 24028.

For more information

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

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

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

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

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

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

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

Edinburgh Sheriff Court, Sheriff Court House

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

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Country

United Kingdom