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Planning

Preliminary Market Consultation - Revolve Certification Services

Zero Waste Scotland Ltd

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA20802

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 90714000 - Environmental auditing

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a preliminary market consultation in accordance with regulation 41 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 to inform Zero Waste Scotland's procurement plans and requirements with regards to the Revolve Certification Programme.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Revolve is Scotland's national re-use quality standard. It exists to raise standards in operation and awareness of second-hand stores, and to increase consumer confidence in re-used goods and the organisations that supply them. This will help encourage an increase in the purchase of second-hand items over new equivalents.

For the past 10 years, the programme has been delivered by a dedicated team located in Zero Waste Scotland who have developed a comprehensive on-line certification process which can be anticipated to significantly reduce future operating costs. We are currently considering options for the future delivery of this certification service that will sustain and grow the Revolve quality standard.

An initial investigation of future operating model options has identified that income could potentially be generated from chargeable modular support options, which based on popular pre-pandemic demand could include the following:

- Certification support
- Re-certification support
- Mystery shoppers
- Retail audit support

- 1:2:1 visual merchandising support
- Retail training
- Model store makeovers

This preliminary market consultation is being used to test key concepts and options for the future of the service by seeking advice and input from independent experts and market participants with knowledge and experience of delivering the same or similar services as listed above, whether individually or as part of an overarching programme.

We are also keen to seek advice and input from market participants who have previously received certification support, including for the Revolve quality standard from Zero Waste Scotland, to understand the barriers and opportunities to potential recipients and how these can be accounted for in the new service provision.

Interested parties are invited to complete the questionnaire included with this PIN and return it to Zero Waste Scotland for further consideration. Responses will be accepted for as long as this PIN remains live on the Public Contracts Scotland website.

Parties who submit a questionnaire response by 09:00 on Thursday 21 October 2021 will also have the opportunity to participate in a discussion session with Zero Waste Scotland to provide further qualitative information that can be used to inform future developments.

II.2.14) Additional information

Please note: this preliminary market consultation is being used to inform the development of a future service provision. Zero Waste Scotland does not and can not commit to any future procurement procedure being required.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

14 January 2022

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Interested parties should refer to the questionnaire provided as an Additional Document to this Prior Information Notice for information and instruction on how to participate in this preliminary market consultation.

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https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=668766.

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