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Tender

North Scotland/Wick John O'Groats Airport PSO Scheduled Flight Services

The Highland Council

F02: Contract notice

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

2 December 2021, 12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00045

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/esop/pts-host/public/pts/web/login.html>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/esop/pts-host/public/pts/web/login.html>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

North Scotland/Wick John O’Groats Airport PSO Scheduled Flight Services

Reference number

THC/TAMBS/WJOG/2021

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60400000 - Air transport services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Highland Council have secured a subsidy to help re-introduce air services to the North of Scotland; Wick to Aberdeen and Wick to Edinburgh.

Up to two airlines may service these routes and in collaboration with The Highland Council, the aim is to increase accessibility, desirability and prosperity to the North of Scotland for businesses, travellers and the local community alike.

The Highland Council are therefore seeking enthusiastic air service operator(s) to work with the Council to help achieve these aims.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

PSO 1: A scheduled air passenger service between WJOG and Edinburgh Airport.

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60400000 - Air transport services
- 60420000 - Non-scheduled air transport services
- 63520000 - Transport agency services
- 63730000 - Support services for air transport

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands
- UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire
- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Main site or place of performance

Wick Airport

Aberdeen Airport

Edinburgh Airport

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A scheduled air passenger service between Wick John 'O' Groats airport and Edinburgh airport.

Tenderers can price up either PSO, or can combine their offer to address the needs of both routes. The specifications have been designed that one aircraft could fulfil the requirements, although this is not a pre-requisite solution. Both PSO routes may be awarded to a single air operator where this is justified by reasons of operational efficiency.

The Highland Council intend to work closely with the air operator throughout the life of the Contract to ensure successful delivery. To that end, there shall be clear communication

channels established and regular contract management meetings to help reinforce the collaborated approach.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

An extension for a period of up to 12 Months is possible.

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

PSO 2: A scheduled air passenger service between WJOG and Aberdeen Airport.

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60400000 - Air transport services
- 60420000 - Non-scheduled air transport services
- 63520000 - Transport agency services
- 63730000 - Support services for air transport

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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

Qualifications and Accreditations:

Tenderers are required to provide evidence of appropriate licences and accreditations to operate the scheduled service routes and proposed aircraft(s)

Environmental Requirements:

Tenderers are required to provide their environmental policy which shall be in line with Government Guidance, objectives and targets.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

Tenderers must provide:

- i. Audited accounts covering the past 2 years
- ii. Bank details provided for financial reference purposes

The Council will use an independent credit scoring organisation such as Equifax, to conduct appropriate financial probity checks.

Tenders must provide evidence of the following insurances:

- Passenger liability insurance
- Employers Liability
- Public Liability

Insurances must be in accordance with the levels recommended by the Civil Aviation Authority.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

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III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

Experience Requirements

Tenderers must provide:

2 examples in the last 5 years of successful delivery of equivalent or similar contracts

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

Originally published as:

Date

25 November 2021

Local time

12:00pm

Changed to:

Date

2 December 2021

Local time

12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

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

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

25 November 2021

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: October 2023/2024

VI.3) Additional information

In addition to their main offering, tenderers may offer a Variant tender based on the requirements of The Highland Council. A fundamentally altered tender submission will not be considered.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 19750. For more information see:

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

The Contracting Authority does not intend to include a sub-contract clause as part of community benefits (as per Section 25 of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014) in this contract for the following reason:

N/A

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 Benefit requirements are contained within the documentation available in the attachments area of PCS-T

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

To be Agreed

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Country

United Kingdom