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Planning

Standards and Frameworks - Framework Agreement

Skills Development Scotland Co. Limited

Welsh Government

The Northern Ireland Executive

The Scottish Government

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Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.1) Name and addresses

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I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

NDPB

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Standards and Frameworks - Framework Agreement

Reference number

P22-049

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Skills Development Scotland requires to establish a multi supplier framework on behalf of the Devolved Governments of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to provide development of Standards and Frameworks.

The scope of tendered services covers provision of development and review of:

Lot 1: National Occupational Standards(NOS) including cleansing of NOS

Lot 2: Welsh Translation for NOS where required

Lot 3: Scottish Vocational Qualifications(SVQs) or alternative competency-based qualifications (CBQs) for use in apprenticeship frameworks

Lot 4: Apprenticeship Frameworks in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The scope of services to be provided under this contract falls within definition of social and other specific services in Schedule 3 to Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the regulations") and therefore procurement process shall in accordance with Regulation 74 of the Regulation be subject to the requirement of section 7 of the Regulations. By virtue of regulation 76(3) of the regulations, bidders in any of the situations listed in regulation 58 of the Regulation may be excluded.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £4,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

National Occupational Standards(NOS) including cleansing of NOS

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

SDS is inviting bids for a place on the Framework. The Framework will be for 2 years from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2025 with the option of 2 x 1 year extensions.

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Welsh Translation for NOS where required

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Welsh Translations for NOS when this is required.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Scottish Vocational Qualifications(SVQs) or alternative competency-based qualifications (CBQs) for use in apprenticeship frameworks

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

SVQs and CBQs are work-based qualifications based on National Occupational Standards of competence drawn up by representatives from each industry sector. They are made up of units which break a job down into separate functions reflecting the different kind of activities of a job.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Apprenticeship Frameworks in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

An apprenticeship is a package of learning, training and practical work experience gained

while employed. The content of the apprenticeship is described as a framework. Apprenticeships enable employers to develop the workforce of the future and support succession planning whilst delivering tangible benefits such as reduced staff turnover. Apprenticeships provide an opportunity to raise standards and support the professionalisation of a sector.

All new and reviewed apprenticeships must comply with relevant national policy. Wherever possible, frameworks should be mapped across all four UK nations to identify where synergies and core components exist, to support coherence across the UK and avoid unnecessary duplication of activity.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

31 October 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

Skills Development Scotland invites interested suppliers to a virtual information and Q&A session, details below:

Date: 29th September 2022

Time: 0930 – 1040

Venue: Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

Please register your interest on this notice and a meeting invite and agenda will be sent out to you prior to the event.

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=706698.

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