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

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

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**NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk](http://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk)

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA12862](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA12862)

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Welsh Government

Cathays Park

Cardiff

CF10 3NQ

**Email**

[customerhelp@gov.wales](mailto:customerhelp@gov.wales)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKL - Wales

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

The Northern Ireland Executive

Stormont Castle, Stormont Estate

Belfast

BT4 3TT

#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKL - Wales

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

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

The Scottish Government

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G2 8LU

#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.scot/>

**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](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Other type

NDPB

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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**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

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## **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

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## **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](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=706698).

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