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Planning

Heat in Buildings Scotland Quality Audit and Assurance Contract

Scottish Government

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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=AA10482

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Heat in Buildings Scotland Quality Audit and Assurance Contract

Reference number

Case/563021

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72225000 - System quality assurance assessment and review services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Scottish Government intends to procure a Quality Assurance and Audit contract to support delivery of the new Heat in Buildings National Scheme

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £3,500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72225000 - System quality assurance assessment and review services
- 72224200 - System quality assurance planning services
- 71324000 - Quantity surveying services
- 71315300 - Building surveying services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Scottish Government intends to procure a contract for a single managing agent to deliver a new national scheme (“the scheme”) as part of its' Heat in Buildings Programme, which will cover the whole of Scotland. The scheme is due to go live in 2023 and will be centered around the installation of insulation, heating and micro-generation measures and is targeted at those who are in or at risk of fuel poverty. This is a re-procurement of the Warmer Homes Scotland (WHS) contract which will expire on 30 June 2023.

The current WHS service is supported by a Quality Assurance and Audit (QAA) contract and the Scottish Government intends to procure a new QAA contract to support delivery of the Heat in Buildings Programme new national scheme.

The purpose of the associated QAA service is to give the Scottish Government confidence that the services provided and the installation of measures undertaken under the new national scheme are compliant in terms of both the national scheme contract and the prevailing legal and retrofit industry standards including PAS 2030/2035 and MCS. The successful QAA agent will be required to carry out various different types of on site and desk based inspections, audits and reports. These may include but not be limited to on site Pre-Installation, Post-Installation, Work in Progress inspections as well as desk based audits relating to delivery of the customer journey and analysis of financial information provided by the service provider, including invoices and pricing review evidence.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

30 November 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

Any bidders who are involved in anyway with the Heat in Buildings Scotland Re-tender must declare a conflict of interest in the tender documents. The Single Procurement Document will explicitly ask suppliers to declare a Conflict of Interest.

The supplier must take steps where in the reasonable opinion of the Purchaser, there is an actual or potential conflict between the interests of the supplier and the duties owed to the Purchaser under the Contract.

In particular, the QAA Service Provider must, at all times, remain wholly independent from the new HIBS National Scheme to deliver this Contract.

The Service Provider must disclose by notice to the Purchaser full particulars of any actual or potential conflict of interest which may arise and must take such steps as are necessary to avoid or remove the conflict of interest.

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