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## **P23-008 Framework Agreement for the Provision of IT Security (Penetration) Testing**

Skills Development Scotland Co. Limited

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

**16 October 2023, 12:00pm**

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

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

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**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.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

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

Other type

National Skills Agency

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

National Skills Agency

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

P23-008 Framework Agreement for the Provision of IT Security (Penetration) Testing

Reference number

P23-008

#### **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**

Skills Development Scotland has a requirement to establish a framework agreement for the provision of security testing services to Skills Development Scotland (SDS), Scottish Enterprise (SE), Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), South of Scotland Enterprise (SOSE) and Enterprise Information Systems (EIS).

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £288,000

#### **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

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

This opportunity is for the establishment of a Framework Agreement for the provision of IT Security (Penetration) Testing Services to Skills Development Scotland (SDS), Scottish Enterprise (SE), Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), South of Scotland Enterprise (SOSE) and Enterprise Information Systems (EIS).

The scope of the tendered services covers provision of security testing services which will require a supplier to identify, test for and exploit vulnerabilities (only where specifically required and agreed), confirm security controls are effective and recommend remedial actions to any vulnerability or weakness found.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

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

Start date

5 February 2024

End date

3 February 2028

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend for up to one year at the sole discretion of SDS. This extension period is covered within the dates outlined in this Contract Notice.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **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.2.14) Additional information**

Please note this is for the establishment of a Framework Agreement.

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 4

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

n/a

#### **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

13 October 2023

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Date

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12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

13 October 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Glasgow Sheriff Court

Glasgow

Country

United Kingdom