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Contract

## **Research Appraisal Evaluation and Delivery Framework - Lot 2 Appraisal and Evaluation**

Highlands and Islands Enterprise

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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Inverness

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United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

**National registration number**

313

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Main address

<http://www.hie.co.uk>

Buyer's address

[http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00313](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00313)

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

Regional or local Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

Economic and financial affairs

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Research Appraisal Evaluation and Delivery Framework - Lot 2 Appraisal and Evaluation

Reference number

FTS 012

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79300000 - Market and economic research; polling and statistics

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

THIS IS A CONTRACT AWARD NOTICE AND AS SUCH THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS IS COMPLETE.

The Research, Appraisal, Evaluation and Delivery (RAED) Frameworks were procured in 3 Lots:

Lot 1 Strategic and Operational Planning/Delivery Support

Lot 2 Appraisal and Evaluation

Lot 3 Research

These Frameworks offer HIE staff an efficient, cost-effective, and streamlined approach for procuring external support and expertise to assist in the assessment and delivery of projects, to provide development support, and to provide robust and impartial research and evaluation evidence to support resource allocation and policy development.

This Contact Notice relates to Lot 2.

See Scope of Requirements for full details.

The Frameworks commenced on 26th September 2022 and will be for an initial 3 year period to 25th September 2025, unless terminated in accordance with the provisions of

the Framework. HIE have the option to extend for a period or periods together not exceeding 1 year following the Initial Term with the 4 year expiry date being 25th September 2026.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £1,080,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79310000 - Market research services
- 79311400 - Economic research services
- 79311410 - Economic impact assessment
- 72221000 - Business analysis consultancy services
- 79314000 - Feasibility study
- 79330000 - Statistical services
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
- 79411100 - Business development consultancy services
- 79419000 - Evaluation consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

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

This Lot will primarily focus on internal project appraisal (pre and post approval), assessing the impacts of HIE's project and programme interventions and bespoke impact/analysis commissions in response to exogenous shocks. Commissions awarded under this proposed Lot will be varied and dependent on organisational demand and wider economic context:

- Impact Assessment
- Feasibility studies and options appraisal
- Wider impact assessment and analysis
- Evaluation and review

The budget currently available for the initial 3 year period is GBP 810 000 (excluding VAT).

This Framework will be non-exclusive i.e. HIE reserves the right, in certain circumstances, to procure out with the Framework as and when required.

This Framework will also be available for call-off by HIE as well as any other Contracting Authority wholly or partly under the control of, or funded by HIE, at any point during the term of this Framework (subject to case-by-case approval by HIE).

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

Quality criterion - Name: Cyber Security / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Quality criterion - Name: Delivery Methodology / Weighting: 45%

Quality criterion - Name: Management Methodology / Weighting: 10%

Quality criterion - Name: Management & Delivery Team - Core Team / Weighting: 12.5%

Quality criterion - Name: Management & Delivery Team - Additional Resources / Weighting: 2.5%

Price - Weighting: 30%

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

HIE reserves the right, on giving reasonable written notice from time to time, to require changes to the Services (whether by way of the removal of Services, the addition of new Services, or increasing or decreasing the Services or specifying the order in which the Services are to be performed or the locations where the Services are to be provided). HIE shall not require any such change other than where it is permitted by Regulation 72 of the

Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

In accordance with Regulation 72(1)(a) of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, HIE reserves the right to make changes to the volume, scope or location of the Services to be supplied under the Framework following a review of the Services by HIE, particularly with regard to demand and budgetary availability or where HIE's strategic focus changes as a result of changes in Scottish Government policy or as a result of a direction given by the Scottish Government.

Where HIE determines (at our sole discretion) that demand under one or more Lots is lower than expected, HIE reserves the right to re-allocate the budget for that Lot to one or more of the other Lots, subject to the maximum total budget of GBP 3 560 000.

### **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**

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in Regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

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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

#### **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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2022/S 000-008005](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

FTS0012

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

28 September 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 11

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 8

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 11

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 11

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

DWS Associates Limited

21 Argyll Square,

OBAN

PA34 4AT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Cambridge Economic Associates Limited

16 Tenison Avenue,

CAMBRIDGE

CB1 2DY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

EKOS Limited

St George's Studios, 93-97 St George's Road,

GLASGOW

G3 6JA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Frontline Consultants Limited

11 Academy Street,

COATBRIDGE

ML5 3AW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

EKOS Consulting (UK) Limited t/a ekosgen

Fourth Floor, 137 Sauchiehall Street,

GLASGOW

G2 3EW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

SQW Limited

Oxford Centre For Innovation, New Road,

OXFORD

OX1 1BY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

RSM UK Consulting LLP

6th Floor 25 Farringdon Street,

LONDON

EC4A 4AB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,080,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

It is estimated that the total value of the services over the maximum duration of 4 years will be GBP 1 080 000 (ex VAT). This is the figure which has been used in II.1.7 & V.2.4.

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

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

Inverness Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

The Inverness Justice Centre, Longman Road

Inverness

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<https://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/the-courts/court-locations/inverness-sheriff-court-and-justice-of-the-peace-court>

### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

An economic operator that suffers, or is at risk of suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 or the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 , may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.