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Contract

Research Appraisal Evaluation and Delivery Framework - Lot 3 Research

Highlands and Islands Enterprise
South of Scotland Enterprise Agency

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

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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

I.1) Name and addresses

South of Scotland Enterprise Agency

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Internet address(es)

Main address

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA30448

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Economic and financial affairs

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Research Appraisal Evaluation and Delivery Framework - Lot 3 Research

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 is for Lot 3 which relates to the delivery of research services for HIE and SOSE. For both agencies research requirements will be extremely varied, aimed primarily, but not exclusively, at influencing or informing strategy and policy development within the agencies and across the wider public sector.

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: £3,200,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79310000 - Market research services
- 79311100 - Survey design services
- 79311200 - Survey conduction services
- 79311210 - Telephone survey services
- 79311000 - Survey services
- 79311300 - Survey analysis services
- 79311400 - Economic research services
- 79315000 - Social research services
- 79330000 - Statistical services
- 79342311 - Customer satisfaction survey
- 73110000 - Research services
- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

- 79342310 - Customer survey services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Commissions for this Lot will typically involve a mix of primary (both quantitative and qualitative), secondary and tertiary research. The nature of individual assignments will be tailored to reflect the purpose of each research commission and will include, but not be limited to socio-economic research, panel research, sectoral research, scenario planning, customer research and economic intelligence. Studies may include some element of partnership working and may be sub-regional, regional, national or international in coverage. Target audiences will include businesses, social enterprises, community groups, community residents and public sector partners.

The budget currently available for the initial 3 year period is GBP 2 400 000 (excluding VAT).

This Framework will be available for call-off by HIE and SOSE as well as any other Contracting Authority wholly or partly under the control of, or funded by HIE or SOSE, at any point during the term of this Framework (subject to case-by-case approval by HIE). Other organisations entitled to benefit from the framework will enter into a direct framework agreement with the successful suppliers on the same terms and conditions as those applying between HIE and the suppliers.

The Framework will be non-exclusive i.e., HIE and SOSE reserve the right, in certain circumstances, to procure outwith the Framework, as and when required.

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: 12.5%

Quality criterion - Name: Management & Delivery Team - Core Team / Weighting: 10%

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.

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

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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

29 September 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 10

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 7

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 10

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 10

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ipsos (Market Research) Limited

CFO-IPSOS MORI, 3 Thomas More Square,

LONDON

E1W 1YW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

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

The Diffley Partnership Limited

13 Rutland Street,

EDINBURGH

EH1 2AE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

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

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,200,000

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 3 200 000 (excluding VAT). This figure 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

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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.