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Tender

External Audit Services

Scottish Enterprise

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM82 - Glasgow City

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Main address

<http://www.scottish-enterprise.com/>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00398

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

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

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

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

External Audit Services

Reference number

P22-0066

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79212000 - Auditing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Scottish Enterprise wishes to engage external auditors to two lots. Lot 1 - for all of its subsidiary companies and Lot 2, for its pension scheme, the Scottish Enterprise Pension and Life Assurance Scheme (SEPLAS).

There are currently 10 subsidiary companies (excluding dormant companies). The active subsidiaries range in size and nature of business but include the Glasgow Science Centre group of companies.

SEPLAS is a final salary pension scheme established by Scottish Enterprise for the benefit of its employees.

The contract is envisaged to start in February 2022

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £220,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Subsidiary Companies

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79212000 - Auditing services
- 79212200 - Internal audit services
- 79212300 - Statutory audit services
- 79212100 - Financial auditing services
- 79210000 - Accounting and auditing services
- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 1 is to appoint an external auditor for all of its subsidiary companies.

There are currently 10 subsidiary companies (excluding dormant companies). Over the period of this contract there will be adjustments to the number of subsidiaries to be audited.

The active subsidiaries range in size and nature of business but include the Glasgow Science Centre group of companies. More information is provided on the scale and business of each of the companies later in this brief.

It is envisaged that the contract will start in February 2022

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Project Team Structure / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Methodology / Weighting: 35

Quality criterion - Name: Timetable, including Milestones for objectives / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Information Security / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Work First / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 50

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £130,000

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

Duration in months

45

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract will be for a period of approximately 33 months with the option to extend for a further 12 months if required.

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Scottish Enterprise Pension and Life Assurance Scheme

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services
- 79210000 - Accounting and auditing services
- 79212000 - Auditing services
- 79212100 - Financial auditing services
- 79212200 - Internal audit services
- 79212300 - Statutory audit services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 2 is to engage external auditor to audit the Scottish Enterprise Pension and Life Assurance Scheme. SEPLAS is a final salary pension scheme established by Scottish Enterprise for the benefit of its employees.

It is envisaged that the contract will start February 2022

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Project Team Structure / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Methodology including innovation / Weighting: 35

Quality criterion - Name: Timetable, including milestones for objectives / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Information Security / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Work First / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 50

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £90,000

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

Duration in months

45

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract will be for an initial period of approximately 33 months with the option to extend for a further 12 months if required.

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

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

The relevant selection criteria will be included in the SPD Scotland module.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

The relevant selection criteria will be included in the SPD Scotland module.

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

The relevant selection criteria will be included in the SPD Scotland module.

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.1) Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision

The bidding organisation must be registered with a recognised supervisory body such as the ICAEW/ICAS.

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

Date

10 January 2022

Local time

11:00am

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

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

10 January 2022

Local time

11:00am

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

SPD Statement for 2A.17 – Form of Participation (Notably as part of a group, consortium, joint venture or similar). Any contract will be entered into with the nominated lead organisation and all members of

the consortium, who will in these circumstances each be required to execute said contract together with all ancillary documentation, evidencing their joint and several liability in respect of the obligations and liabilities of the contract. It will be for members of the consortium to sort out their respective duties and liabilities amongst each other. For administrative purposes, any associated documentation will be sent to the nominated lead organisation.

SPD Statement for 2C.1 - Where the main bidder relies on the capacities of other entities in order to meet the selection criteria, the bidder must provide a separate SPD response setting out the information required under SPD (Scotland): Part II (sections A and B); Part III exclusion grounds; the relevant part of Section IV selection criteria; and Part V (if applicable) for each of the entities concerned.

SPD Statement for 2D.1.2 – If the bidder proposes to subcontract any part(s) of the service, they should arrange for a separate SPD response from each potential subcontractor. The subcontractors must complete the relevant parts of the SPD (Scotland)(Sections A and B of Part II and Part III only) to self-declare whether there are grounds for their exclusion. This may be requested at the selection stage or prior to the subcontractor commencing work on the contract.

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=672071.

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox facility. A user guide is available at

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx.

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

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Download the ESPD document here:

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=672071

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Glasgow Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

Sheriff Clerk's Office, PO Box 23, 1 Carlton Place,

Glasgow

G5 9DA

Telephone

+44 1414298888

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Scottish Government

5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw

Glasgow

G2 8LU

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SPOEprocurement@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Telephone

+44 1412425466

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Government/Procurement/Selling/supplier-enquiries>

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

In the first instance, contact the Head of Facilities Management and Procurement at Scottish Enterprise, with any concerns or enquiries. Email: <https://www.scottish-enterprise.com/help/contact-us>.

An economic operator that suffers, or risks suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, may bring proceedings that will be started in the High Court.

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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