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Tender

Provision of Inter-Island Air Services for Orkney Outer North Isles

Orkney Islands Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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<http://www.orkney.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00369

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 authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of Inter-Island Air Services for Orkney Outer North Isles

Reference number

OIC/PROC/1915

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60400000 - Air transport services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Orkney Islands Council (the Authority) has a requirement for the provision of an Inter Island Air Service operating to the six Outer North Isles of Papa Westray, North Ronaldsay, Westray, Sanday, Stronsay and Eday under a Public Service Obligation (PSO), which establishes the minimum frequencies and sets the maximum fare levels provided to each of the isles.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £6,890,244

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60410000 - Scheduled air transport services
- 50211200 - Aircraft repair services
- 60400000 - Air transport services
- 63730000 - Support services for air transport
- 60420000 - Non-scheduled air transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM65 - Orkney Islands

Main site or place of performance

Orkney Islands

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Orkney Islands Council (the Authority) has a requirement for the provision of an Inter Island Air Service operating to the six Outer North Isles under a Public Service Obligation (PSO), which establishes the minimum frequencies and sets the maximum fare levels provided to each of the isles.

The maintenance of scheduled air services between Orkney Mainland (Kirkwall) and the islands of Papa Westray, North Ronaldsay, Westray, Sanday, Stronsay, and Eday are essential to counter the islands peripherality, fragile economic base and depopulation of the islands. There is no rapid alternative means of transport to Kirkwall on the Orkney Mainland, and for onward connections with the Scottish Mainland. The designated services, which are currently operated by the air carrier Loganair Ltd, are essential for the maintenance of the economic and social fabric of the islands. They are used for access to essential services (e.g. educational, financial, commercial, professional, advisory and health) which cannot be provided locally; and are also used for tourism. Should these air services be withdrawn the upkeep of the airfields could be placed in jeopardy and this in turn would put at risk the vitally important air ambulance service (currently operated by helicopter) which provides the essential emergency medical link. For North Ronaldsay and Papay Westray these services are defined as lifeline services in terms of the Scottish Government criteria. In recognition of the importance of these services, subsidy is made available by Orkney Islands Council ("the Council") to subsidise the Designated Services.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £6,890,244

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Tenderers are required to provide information and costs for 3 options as follows:

Option 1 - current service operation;

Option 2 - enhanced service (additional aircraft expected);and

Option 3 - enhanced service (additional aircraft and crew expected).

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

The contract value as noted at 11.2.6 is in relation to Option 1 the current services and for the contract duration of 48 months. An estimated contract value of 8,890,243 GBP is estimated to include the enhanced services. Take up of Option 2 and 3 will be subject to a Council decision following subject to Committee approval.

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

As described in the tender documentation

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.2.1) 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 bidder will need to hold the appropriate Air Operator Certificate in compliance with the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

As per the conditions of contract included in the invitation to tender documentation.

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

14 October 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

14 October 2024

Local time

2:00pm

Place

TEAMS Meeting

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

The postbox will be opened by Officers with delegated procurement in accordance with the Council's Contract Standing Orders.

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: August 2028

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

Orkney Islands Council reserves the right to cancel the procurement at any stage and not award a Contract. The expenditure, work or effort undertaken by bidders prior to the award of any Contract is accordingly a matter solely for the commercial judgement of bidders. Late tenders will not be considered by the Council and all questions are to be submitted via the questions and answers section of this contract advertisement on PCS. An economic operator that suffers, or risks suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or Court of Session.

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=777202.

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.

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

The Authority is required to consider the Community Benefit that could potentially be derived from a Contract with a value in excess of 4 million GBP and considers the following factors to be suitable community benefits appropriate to the subject matter of the services to be provided under this contract:

- Supply chain development activity
- To work with schools, colleges and universities to offer work experience opportunities where appropriate; and
- To minimise negative environmental impacts, for example impacts associated with vehicle movements and/or associated emissions and impacts on protected areas, buildings or sites.

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Download the ESPD document here:

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=777202

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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

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