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Contract

Fund Management Services - Workplace Equality Fund

Scottish Government

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02d12a

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10482

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Fund Management Services - Workplace Equality Fund

Reference number

517574

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75000000 - Administration, defence and social security services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Scottish Government sought applications from experienced fund administrators to manage our Workplace Equality Fund (WEF) from November 2021 to 31st March 2024, with potential for extension to 31st March 2026.

The purpose of the Workplace Equality Fund is to work with employers to address long standing barriers particular groups face in entering and progressing in the labour market so that everyone in Scotland has the opportunity to fulfil their potential.

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: £302,060

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75000000 - Administration, defence and social security services
- 75112100 - Administrative development project services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The purpose of the Workplace Equality Fund is to work with employers to address long standing barriers particular groups face in entering and progressing in the labour market so that everyone in Scotland has the opportunity to fulfil their potential. The Scottish Government are keen to ensure that our economy is representative of our society, and that we focus on delivering a fair and inclusive economic growth. This is particularly important as we recover from the economic impact of COVID-19 and the economic implications of Brexit.

The Workplace Equality Fund was launched in 2018 to support the delivery of the Scottish Government's Programme for Government (2016 & 17), Fair Work Framework, A fairer Scotland for all: race equality action plan and highlight report 2017-2021, Disability Delivery Action Plan; Scotland's Labour Market Strategy and Fairer Scotland Action Plan. In addition it continues to support the delivery of the Scottish Government's Programme for Government, Gender Pay Gap Action Plan, A Fairer Scotland for Older People – A Framework for Action, Disability Employment Action Plan, Fair Work Action Plan, Race Equality Framework, the Equally Safe strategy and delivery plan, Scotland's strategy for preventing and eradicating violence against women and girls, and our Strategy for tackling social isolation.

The overall contract value includes for both the initial 2 and a half year term and potential 2 year extension period.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Criteria / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

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 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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

563131

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 November 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Mercantile Buildings, 39-69 Bothwell Street

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £302,060

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

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