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Tender

Unescorted Passenger Journeys Framework Agreement

The City of Edinburgh Council

F02: Contract notice

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

28 November 2022, 12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00290

I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

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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

Unescorted Passenger Journeys Framework Agreement

Reference number

CT1093

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60120000 - Taxi services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Framework agreement for transport by taxi or private hire car of unescorted passengers on ad hoc journeys mainly within the City of Edinburgh Council local authority area.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60100000 - Road transport services
- 60120000 - Taxi services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Main site or place of performance

Edinburgh

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The City of Edinburgh Council intends to establish a ranked Framework Agreement with a maximum of three Contractors for the purpose of transport by taxi or private hire car of unescorted passengers on ad hoc journeys mainly within the City of Edinburgh Council local authority area.

See tender documents for further details.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The City of Edinburgh Council reserves the option to extend for up to a twelve month period.

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

Contractors must provide licensed hire car/s with suitably qualified and licensed driver/s that meets the requirements of the Low Emission Zone. A Licensed Hire Car is defined as a vehicle licensed as a taxi or private hire car in terms of Section 10 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and which complies with the tender specifications.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

This Section refers to Section B of Part IV of the SPD (Scotland).

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Part IV: Selection criteria - B: Economic and financial standing – Question 4B.1 - Tenderers are required to have a minimum “general” annual turnover of GBP 3m for the last two financial years. Where a Tenderer does not have an annual turnover of this value, the Council may exclude the Tenderer from the competition or may apply discretion seeking supporting evidence to determine the Tenderer’s suitability to proceed in the competition.

Part IV: Selection criteria - B: Economic and financial standing – Question 4B.4 - Tenderers will be required provide the following information in response to 4B.4:

Current ratio for Current Year: 1.20

Current ratio for Prior Year: 1.20

The formula for calculating a Tenderer’s current ratio is current assets divided by current liabilities. The acceptable range for each financial ratio is greater than 1.20. Where a Tenderer’s current ratio is less than the acceptable value, the Council may exclude the Tenderer from the competition or may apply discretion seeking supporting evidence to determine the Tenderer’s suitability to proceed in the competition.

Part IV: Selection criteria - B: Economic and financial standing – Question 4B.5 - Tenderers are required to hold, or commit to obtaining prior to the commencement of any subsequently awarded contract, the types and levels of insurance indicated below:

- (a) Public Liability Insurance with a limit of indemnity of not less than GBP 5,000,000 in relation to any one claim or series of claims;
- (b) Employer's Liability Insurance with a limit of indemnity of not less than GBP 5,000,000 or such higher amount as may be in accordance with any legal requirement for the time being in force in relation to any one claim or series of claims;
- (c) Professional Indemnity Insurance with a limit of indemnity of not less than GBP 5,000,000 in relation to any one claim or series of claims and shall ensure that all professional consultants or Sub-Contractors involved in the provision of the Services hold and maintain appropriate cover;
- (d) Motor Vehicle Insurance with third party cover with a limit of indemnity of not less than GBP 5,000,000 in relation to any one claim or series of claims

Where a Tenderer does not hold or commit to obtaining the types and levels of insurance indicated, the Council will exclude the Tenderer from the competition.

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

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

Suitably qualified and licensed drivers with licensed hire cars in compliance with the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

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

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 3

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 022-190866](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Originally published as:

Date

22 November 2022

Local time

12:00pm

Changed to:

Date

28 November 2022

Local time

12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

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: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

22 November 2022

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: 1 April 2026

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

It is a mandatory requirement that Tendering Organisations with more than 5 employees have in place a Health & Safety Policy which is approved at a senior level within the Organisation and is reviewed regularly. Bidders should confirm that this condition has been met within the response to this question. Where a Bidder does not have a Health & Safety Policy and is required to do so, the Council may exclude the Bidder from the competition.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 21705.

For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

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 successful Contractors will be required to deliver Community Benefits in support of the Council's economic, social and environment objectives. Please find further information in the documents attached.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Sheriff Court

Sheriff Court House, 27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

A tenderer that suffers loss as a result of a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session. The City of Edinburgh Council (the Council) will have a minimum standstill period of 10 days before awarding the contract. The communication of the award decision notice will be sent by fax or e-mail to all tenderers with the standstill period commencing on the next day. If proceedings are started in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session against the Council in respect of the decision to award the contract within the standstill period then the Council is prevented from awarding the contract. Post contract award the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session may (1) award damages provided proceedings are brought within 3 months from the date when the grounds for the bringing of the proceedings first arose (2) be entitled to issue an ineffectiveness order or impose a financial penalty on the Council. A claim for an ineffectiveness order must be made within 30 days of the Contract Award Notice being published in the FTS or within 30 days of the date those who expressed an interest in or otherwise bid for the contract were informed of the conclusion of the contract or in any other case within 6 months from the date on which the contract was entered into.