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Planning

## **Support For Communities Framework - PIN - Request for Information**

Highlands and Islands Enterprise

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02fe39

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**NUTS code**

UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.hie.co.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00313](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00313)

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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/](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

Economic and financial affairs

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

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Reference number

FTS 0004

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Please note this Notice is not a Call for Competition.

HIE has been delivering the pilot Support for Communities Framework (SfCF) since June 2018. The Framework is an alternative means of providing a range of practical hands-on support to community-led organisations that lack the capacity or a particular skill-set to timeously progress an opportunity. A formal evaluation was commissioned earlier this year, to evaluate and provide an assessment of the net additional impacts the Framework has had in supporting Community Organisations achieve their goals. The evaluation concluded the positive value of the product and it is HIE's desire to continue with a Framework to support our community clients.

See attached PIN documentation for full details.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

- 66171000 - Financial consultancy services
- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services
- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services
- 79411000 - General management consultancy services
- 79412000 - Financial management consultancy services
- 79418000 - Procurement consultancy services
- 90713000 - Environmental issues consultancy services
- 71314300 - Energy-efficiency consultancy services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The purpose of this PIN is to gauge market interest in a potential future contract opportunity. It will also inform HIE's procurement strategy ensuring that any procurement route subsequently selected is attractive to the marketplace and will provide a competitive tendering environment for the efficient delivery of any future contract requirements.

See attached PIN documentation for full details

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

25 January 2022

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

Please note this Notice is not a Call for Competition. Any future contract opportunities related to this requirement may be published on Public Contracts Scotland (PCS) and/or Find a Tender Service (FTS). By issuing this Prior Information Notice (PIN), HIE does not make any commitment to procure any of the stated services.

Dates and other information contained in this notice are indicative only and may be subject to change. No other tender documentation is available at this time.

HIE may use information, comments etc. provided and/or future correspondence when compiling any final tender documents but reserves the right not to accept any such information, comments etc. from any respondent. This decision will be at the sole discretion of HIE.

All correspondence regarding this PIN will be via Public Contracts Scotland (PCS). PCS is free to use and free to register and also gives access to an on line "Question & Answer" facility which must be used to raise all queries relating to this PIN. Please note the last date to raise a query is 12 noon on Tuesday 14th December 2021 and we will respond by 5pm on Thursday 16th December.

Please return your completed response by noon on Tuesday 21st December 2021 to [hieprocurement@hient.co.uk](mailto:hieprocurement@hient.co.uk) using the title "SFC PIN RESPONSE" in your email header.

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=676141](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=676141).

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