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# **UK Shared Prosperity Fund Feasibility Studies - Framework Agreement**

Aberdeenshire Council

F02: Contract notice

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4 December 2023, 12:00pm

See the change notice.

# **Section I: Contracting authority**

# I.1) Name and addresses

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#### **Telephone**

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#### Country

**United Kingdom** 

#### **NUTS** code

UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

#### Internet address(es)

Main address

http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0023 2

# 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

# 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

UK Shared Prosperity Fund Feasibility Studies - Framework Agreement

Reference number

000-JLRK8663

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 71241000 - Feasibility study, advisory service, analysis

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

Aberdeenshire Council has secured funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) to provide support to the development of community owned assets through the Communities and Place Improving Places Programme.

This project has been identified as a need within the UKSPF Aberdeenshire Investment Plan, in response to a recognition that in order to secure external funding from Public, Charitable and Private sectors including the UKSPF, community-led capital and revenue projects require a detailed feasibility study which may cover several specialist elements.

Applications to the challenge fund element of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and previous funding programmes have provided further evidence that this project is needed, to support the leaders of these projects to explore and evidence the feasibility of their proposed projects and enterprises.

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#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £525,000

#### 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

FOOD AND CATERING – e.g. Community Cafes and Kitchens

Lot No

1

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

- 71241000 Feasibility study, advisory service, analysis
- 79314000 Feasibility study
- 79411100 Business development consultancy services

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

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

This Lot incudes (but is not limited to) advice surrounding:

Commercial feasibility and technical reviews

Equipment and facilities

Food and drink menus

Food hygiene

Legislation compliance

Options appraisals

Financial forecasting

#### II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Start date

3 January 2024

End date

31 March 2025

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: 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

TRANSPORT – Active Transport Routes and Projects

Lot No

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

- 79314000 Feasibility study
- 71241000 Feasibility study, advisory service, analysis
- 71311200 Transport systems consultancy services

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

Main site or place of performance

Aberdeenshire

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

LOT 2 - TRANSPORT - Active Transport Routes and Projects

This Lot incudes (but is not limited to) advice surrounding:

Cycle route planning or improvements

Pedestrian route planning or improvements

Travel initiatives

Maintenance schedules

Land access

Land ownership

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# II.2) Description

#### II.2.1) Title

LEISURE, CULTURE & TOURISM - Museums, Visitor Centres, Performance Venues

Lot No

3

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

- 79314000 Feasibility study
- 71241000 Feasibility study, advisory service, analysis

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

Main site or place of performance

Aberdeenshire

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

his Lot incudes (but is not limited to) advice surrounding:

Commercial and efficiency reviews

Increasing public use of services

Sport and Library service studies

Technical reviews

Trusts and joint ventures

Financial forecasting

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#### II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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# II.2) Description

#### II.2.1) Title

PROPERTY & ENVIRONMENT - Community Owned Buildings, Infrastructure & Land

Lot No

4

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

- 79314000 Feasibility study
- 71241000 Feasibility study, advisory service, analysis

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

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

This Lot includes advice surrounding:

**Environmental and Sustainability** 

Assessments and appraisals

Alternative energy

Archaeology studies

Biodiversity

Carbon foot-printing and reduction

Carbon reduction and climate change adaptation

Climate change adaptation and mitigation

Environmental audits Environmental initiatives Energy efficiency and targets Green technologies Heat networks Landscape management Sustainability Water management Waste auditing **Delivery models** Facilities Management Business case development Risk assessments and controls Safe working procedures Benchmarking Revenue optimisation and funding Risk and internal control Service improvement and performance Sustainable community strategies Alternative waste treatment Carbon assessments Commercial waste

Options appraisals Permits and accreditations Communication Customer insight information Public dialogue, engagement and consultation Branding Communication and marketing materials Outline architectural plans/options appraisals (not full architectural drawings) **QS** Services Financial Forecasting II.2.5) Award criteria Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system Start date 3 January 2024 End date 31 March 2025 This contract is subject to renewal No

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Options: No

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# 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.2.3) 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
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#### 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: 12

#### 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

Originally published as:

Date

27 November 2023

Local time

12:00pm

Changed to:

Date

4 December 2023

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

#### IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

27 November 2023

Local time

12:00pm

# **Section VI. Complementary information**

# VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

# VI.3) Additional information

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Download the ESPD document here:

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD\_Download.aspx?id=748338

#### VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Aberdeen Sheriff Court

Aberdeen

Country

**United Kingdom**