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### **Planning**

# Research, Appraisal, Evaluation and Delivery Framework: PIN - Request for Information

Highlands and Islands Enterprise South of Scotland Enterprise Agency

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# **Section I: Contracting authority**

# I.1) Name and addresses

Highlands and Islands Enterprise

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Inverness

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### **Telephone**

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### Country

**United Kingdom** 

### **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

# I.1) Name and addresses

South of Scotland Enterprise Agency

Carmont House, The Crichton, Bankend Road

**Dumfries** 

DG14TA

### **Email**

Finance@sose.scot

### **Telephone**

+44 1750535901

## Country

**United Kingdom** 

### **NUTS** code

UK - United Kingdom

### Internet address(es)

Main address

https://www.southofscotlandenterprise.com

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA30448

# I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

# 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/

# I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local Agency/Office

# I.5) Main activity

Economic and financial affairs

# **Section II: Object**

# II.1) Scope of the procurement

# II.1.1) Title

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Reference number

FTS 012

### II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 79300000 - Market and economic research; polling and statistics

### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

### II.1.4) Short description

For HIE and SOSE, our strategic approach is founded on maximising the opportunities presented by the unique natural capital and assets of our respective regions. In seeking to deliver benefits in each and every part of our area, we actively pursue a wide range of opportunities that have the potential to deliver significant economic and social impacts. HIE's Planning and Partnership team is exploring options to ensure continued coverage of activity provided to address current and emerging organisational demands and is proposing a new framework titled Research, Appraisal, Evaluation and Delivery (RAED). This has involved discussions with SOSE who have expressed interest in collaborating with HIE on the research element of this framework. Projects will reflect and respond to the range of Scottish Government strategies that outline Scotland's route map to a green recovery from COVID-19, and actions allied to realising ambitious and transformational change in terms of growing the economy more generally, and specifically in the drive to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045. Framework activity will evolve to reflect changing strategic thinking and prioritisation over the next three to four years. 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
- 79410000 Business and management consultancy services
- 72221000 Business analysis consultancy services

- 79412000 Financial management consultancy services
- 72224000 Project management consultancy services
- 79411100 Business development consultancy services
- 79311410 Economic impact assessment
- 79310000 Market research services
- 79311400 Economic research services
- 79419000 Evaluation consultancy services
- 79300000 Market and economic research; polling and statistics
- 79315000 Social research services
- 73210000 Research 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 interest as well as seek views and information from the market place in relation to a potential future contract opportunity being led by HIE in collaboration with SOSE (in relation to research activity). It will also inform the procurement strategy ensuring that any procurement route subsequently selected is attractive to the marketplace and will provide a competitive tendering environment for efficient delivery of any future contract requirements.

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

24 February 2022

# **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

# **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. Queries must be raised before 2pm on Friday 7th January 2022. Please note HIE will be closed from Monday 27th December 2021 until Tuesday 4th January 2022 (inclusive).

Please return your completed response by noon on Friday 14th January 2022 to <a href="mailto:hieprocurement@hient.co.uk">hieprocurement@hient.co.uk</a> using the title "RAED Framework PIN Response PIN" in your email header.

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