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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**

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**NUTS code**

UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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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.1) Name and addresses**

South of Scotland Enterprise Agency

Carmont House, The Crichton, Bankend Road

Dumfries

DG1 4TA

**Email**

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**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](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/](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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#### **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

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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. 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 [hieprocurement@hient.co.uk](mailto:hieprocurement@hient.co.uk) using the title "RAED Framework PIN Response PIN" in your email header.

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