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## **Centre of Expertise for Plant Health**

Scottish Government

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0384a7

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

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

Scottish Government

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Glasgow

G2 8EA

#### **Email**

[sarah.pagan@gov.scot](mailto:sarah.pagan@gov.scot)

#### **Telephone**

+44 1412420133

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10482](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10482)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

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

[https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/esop/toolkit/dashboard/dashboard.do?\\_ncp=1668522975996.23704-1](https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/esop/toolkit/dashboard/dashboard.do?_ncp=1668522975996.23704-1)

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/esop/pts-host/public/pts/web/login.html>

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Centre of Expertise for Plant Health

Reference number

CASE/592055

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

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

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

Services

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

The Scottish Government has a requirement to place a contract with external service providers for the Centre of Expertise for Plant Health

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £3,300,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 90700000 - Environmental services
- 03110000 - Crops, products of market gardening and horticulture
- 73100000 - Research and experimental development services
- 73120000 - Experimental development services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

Scottish Government's Rural and Environmental Science and Analytical Services Division (RESAS) is re-commissioning the Centre of Expertise on Plant Health (Scotland's Plant Health Centre). The centre should bring the best available plant health expertise into a virtual centre, to coordinate access by policy colleagues to expertise from across Scotland, and to enhance synergy of effort and to stimulate innovative thinking in support of plant health policy. The Centre will fulfil this role by ensuring that Scottish Government has the best evidence available to deliver its environmental-related policies. Through its expertise in the relevant subject matter and its relationships across the research community it will deliver a programme of evidence and research which supports plant health policy making across all relevant sectors (forestry/natural environment/agriculture/horticulture); it will simplify access by policy officials to expertise from across Scotland and beyond; enhance synergy of effort and; stimulate innovative thinking in support of plant health and environmental policy.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 20

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

Start date

1 April 2023

End date

31 March 2026

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Scottish Government, subject to satisfactory Service Provider performance, the continuing need for the service and availability of budget, will reserve the option to extend

the Initial Term for a maximum of two years.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Scottish Government, subject to satisfactory Service Provider performance, the continuing need for the service and availability of budget, will reserve the option to extend the Initial Term for a maximum of two years.

#### **II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

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

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria

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Current Ratio will be calculated as follows:

net current assets divided by net current liabilities.

There must be no qualification or contra-indication from any evidence provided in support of the bidders economic and financial standing.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Bidders must demonstrate a Current Ratio of no less than 0.8.

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **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 042-690861](#)

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

Date

15 December 2022

Local time

9:00am

#### **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**

Tender must be valid until: 31 March 2023

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

Date

15 December 2022

Local time

9:00am

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **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**

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

Single Procurement Document will be scored on a pass/fail basis.

Award Criteria Questions can be found in the ITT together with the weightings. Question scoring methodology for award criteria is outlined in Invitation to Tender.

Bidders must complete the SPD (Scotland) to demonstrate adherence to the exclusion and selection criteria for this procurement. If there

are named subcontractors/technicians upon which the bidder will rely to meet the selection criteria, these named parties must complete and

reattach the SPD Supplier Response Form attached to SPD questions 2C.1.1 (Reliance on the capacity of other entities) and 2D.1.2 (Subcontractors) on PCS-T.

These parties must complete the first 3 sections of the SPD form, as well as any part of the Section 4 selection criteria that the main

bidder will rely upon the parties to fulfil. If parties have not yet been identified, this information may be required at a later date. Scottish Government reserves the right to request this information from relevant parties upon whom the main bidder will not rely to fulfil selection criteria.

4C.1 Bidders will be required to confirm whether they intend to sub-contract and if so, for

what proportion of the contract.

Please see PCS-T for the Invitation to Tender documentation; Project Code: 22858 and ITT Code: 47374

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 22187. 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:

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement>.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this PQQ exercise. The Project code is 22858. For more information see:

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## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Edinburgh Sheriff Court & Justice of the Peace Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH11LB

Country

United Kingdom