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## **Framework Agreement for Standards and Frameworks**

Skills Development Scotland Co. Limited

Welsh Government

The Northern Ireland Executive

The Scottish Government

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

The contract involves joint procurement

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

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

Other type

NDPB

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Framework Agreement for Standards and Frameworks

Reference number

P22-049

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

- 800000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

Skills Development Scotland (SDS) requires to establish a multi lot, multi supplier framework for themselves and on behalf of the Devolved Governments of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to provide development of Standards and Frameworks.

The scope of tendered services covers provision of development and review of:

Lot 1: National Occupational Standards(NOS) including cleansing of NOS

Lot 2: Welsh Translation for NOS

Lot 3: Scottish Vocational Qualifications(SVQs) or alternative competency-based qualifications (CBQs)

Lot 4: Apprenticeship Frameworks in Wales and Northern Ireland.

The scope of services to be provided under this Framework Agreement fall within the definition of social and other specific services in Schedule 3 to Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the regulations") and therefore procurement process shall in accordance with Regulation 74 of the Regulation be subject to the requirement of section

7 of the Regulations. By virtue of regulation 76(3) of the regulations, bidders in any of the situations listed in regulation 58 of the Regulation may be excluded.

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

Value excluding VAT: £4,000,000

#### **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**

National Occupational Standards(NOS) including cleansing of NOS

Lot No

1

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

- 800000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales

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

SDS is inviting bids for a place on the Framework. The Framework will be for 2 years from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2025 with the option of 2 x 1 year extensions.

Lot 1 is for the Development of National Occupational Standards (NOS)

#### **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.2.14) Additional information**

Full details for Lot 1 can be found in the ITT documents attached.

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Welsh Translation for NOS

Lot No

2

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

- 800000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

Wales

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

Welsh Translations for National Occupational Standards (NOS) when this is required.

#### **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.2.14) Additional information**

Full details for Lot 2 can be found in the ITT documents attached.

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

### **II.2.1) Title**

Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQs) or alternative competency-based qualifications (CBQs)

Lot No

3

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

- 800000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

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

SVQs and CBQs are work-based qualifications based on National Occupational Standards of competence drawn up by representatives from each industry sector. They are made up of units which break a job down into separate functions reflecting the different kind of activities of a job.

### **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.2.14) Additional information**

Full details on Lot 3 can be found in the ITT documents attached.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Apprenticeship Frameworks in Wales and Northern Ireland

Lot No



4

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Wales and Northern Ireland

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

An apprenticeship is a package of learning, training and practical work experience gained while employed. The content of the apprenticeship is described as a framework. Apprenticeships enable employers to develop the workforce of the future and support succession planning whilst delivering tangible benefits such as reduced staff turnover.

Apprenticeships provide an opportunity to raise standards and support the professionalisation of a sector.

All new and reviewed apprenticeships must comply with relevant national policy. Wherever possible, frameworks should be mapped across all four UK nations to identify where synergies and core components exist, to support coherence across the UK and avoid unnecessary duplication of activity.

**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.2.14) Additional information**

Full details of Lot 4 can be found in the ITT documents attached.

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

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

As specified in the ITT and associated Framework Agreement Terms and Conditions.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

##### **IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure**

The scope of services to be provided under this Framework Agreement fall within the definition of social and other specific services in Schedule 3 to Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the regulations") and therefore procurement process shall in accordance with Regulation 74 of the Regulation be subject to the requirement of section 7 of the Regulations. By virtue of regulation 76(3) of the regulations, bidders in any of the situations listed in regulation 58 of the Regulation may be excluded.

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2022/S 000-706698](#)

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

Originally published as:

Date

19 December 2022

Local time

12:00pm

Changed to:

Date

4 January 2023

Local time

12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.3) Additional information**

It is a requirement of this framework that bidders hold or can commit to obtain prior to the commencement of any subsequently awarded framework, the types and levels of insurance below:

Employers (Compulsory) Liability Insurance = 5M GBP

Public/Product Liability Insurance = 2M GBP

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=710001](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=710001).

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help\\_guides.aspx](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx).

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

The Contracting Authority does not intend to include a sub-contract clause as part of community benefits (as per Section 25 of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014) in this contract for the following reason:

This is a multi supplier framework with a total estimated value of 4M GBP. Call off contracts are low value.

The Contracting Authority does not intend to include any community benefit requirements in this contract for the following reason:

The estimated Framework value is 4,000,000 GBP but this is a multi supplier framework with low value call off contracts.

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Download the ESPD document here:

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD\\_Download.aspx?id=710001](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=710001)

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

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

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