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Tender

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

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.1) Name and addresses

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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

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

- 80000000 - 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)

- 80000000 - 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.

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.

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

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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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

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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<https://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/the-courts/court-locations/glasgow-sheriff-court-and-justice-of-the-peace-court>