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## **Manufacturing Innovation Centre Moray (MICM) - Service Operator: Request for Information**

Highlands and Islands Enterprise

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04ad23

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

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

Highlands and Islands Enterprise

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**NUTS code**

UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

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Main address

<http://www.hie.co.uk>

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.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**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**

Manufacturing Innovation Centre Moray (MICM) - Service Operator: Request for Information

Reference number

FTS 39

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

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

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

Services

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

Manufacturing Innovation Centre Moray (MICM) is one of eight strategic projects forming part of the Moray Growth Deal which aims to drive economic growth across the region and provide opportunities to build on the existing strengths of Moray's culture, tourism, and world-renowned manufacturing sectors.

MICM will provide a single-entry point into the Scottish and UK innovation landscape of products and services providing diagnostics, advice, information, signposting and brokerage to other services and funding. It will stimulate innovation and growth around product and process development and the transition to net zero primarily within the manufacturing sector. MICM will also provide physical space for incubation, demonstration of advanced technology and equipment, and provide an east gate into the wider Highlands and Islands Region for concentrated access to national services and programmes.

The MICM facility is being developed in existing facilities on the Enterprise Park Forres which will be refurbished and upgraded for energy efficiency.

HIE will require a service operator to develop and deliver the MICM service. The purpose of this Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to gauge interest as well as seek views and information from the market place in relation to a potential future contract opportunity for the MICM service operator. We also welcome responses from organisations who have experience in buying similar services or who do not intend to bid, but have experience in

operating an innovation centre and/or would like to contribute with their thoughts.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 80500000 - Training services
- 80510000 - Specialist training services
- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services
- 71310000 - Consultative engineering and construction services
- 71314300 - Energy-efficiency consultancy services
- 71600000 - Technical testing, analysis and consultancy services
- 72221000 - Business analysis consultancy services
- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services
- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services
- 73100000 - Research and experimental development services
- 73220000 - Development consultancy services
- 79421000 - Project-management services other than for construction work
- 79415200 - Design consultancy services
- 79415000 - Production management consultancy services
- 79900000 - Miscellaneous business and business-related services
- 79411000 - General management consultancy services
- 79411100 - Business development consultancy services
- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 79420000 - Management-related services

- 79930000 - Specialty design services
- 79933000 - Design support services
- 72220000 - Systems and technical consultancy services
- 80531000 - Industrial and technical training services
- 73420000 - Pre-feasibility study and technological demonstration
- 71620000 - Analysis services
- 71630000 - Technical inspection and testing services
- 71621000 - Technical analysis or consultancy services
- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM62 - Inverness & Nairn and Moray, Badenoch & Strathspey

Main site or place of performance

Unit 9, MICM, Enterprise Park Forres

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

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). However, by issuing this Request for Information (RFI), HIE does not make any commitment to procure any of the stated services. Please note, the estimated date for the publication of the Contract Notice is indicative only and may be subject to change.

Please return your completed response by noon on Wednesday 13 November 2024 to [hieprocurement@hient.co.uk](mailto:hieprocurement@hient.co.uk) using the title "MICM operator – PIN response" in your email header.

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

30 January 2025

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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**

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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. 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.

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=779076](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=779076).

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