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Contract

SPSD Consultancy, Research & Sectoral Development Framework

The Skills Development Scotland Co. Limited

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA12862

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Skills Agency

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

SPSD Consultancy, Research & Sectoral Development Framework

Reference number

P21-201A

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

Framework providing consultancy, research , forecasting, Power BI Technical support and sectoral intermediary support

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £4,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Forecast Services

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

forecasting services to undertake economic and skills modelling with a view to forecasting demand and supply for jobs and skills

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Evidence, Research and Analysis

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Development of national 'think pieces' on the labour market in Scotland;

Development of spatial, sectoral and thematic Skills Assessments;

Development of bespoke tools to inform internal products and services e.g. demand statements for the apprenticeship family;

Critical friend support to minimise 'group think' and to offer an independent, impartial perspective; and

Bespoke research to fill gaps in the evidence base – thematic, sectoral and spatial

Specific regionally-focussed outputs

Specialist input to our priority areas of climate emergency, digital economy and foundational economy

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Power BI Technical reporting and functionality support

Lot No

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Supporting the maintenance of existing PowerBI solutions;

Development of new PowerBI dashboards and solutions;

Supporting the improvement of existing reports, for example, using Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) to retrieve data from our key data providers;

Reviewing existing PowerBI solutions to provide expert advice and recommendations for improvement (efficiency, design, visualisations used etc.).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Econometric Services

Lot No

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To deliver econometric modelling services, associated reporting and model outputs and present the findings of these to SDS and partner colleagues.

Provide expert advice and guidance on econometric approaches and analysis. This could be by email or phone for smaller requests, or may take the form of short reports, spreadsheets or structured training events for larger requests.

To provide updates and commentary on international research on the economic impacts of skills and training interventions.

To advise senior colleagues on the interpretation and implications of findings from econometric modelling and provide objective guidance on limitations and how research on the impacts of education and skills investment can be improved going forward.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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 022-190199](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

Title

Forecast Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

15 August 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Oxford Economics

Abbey House , 121 St Aldates

Oxford

OX1 1HB

Telephone

+44 7415812292

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £458,333.33

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

Evidence, Research and Analysis

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

15 August 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 17

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 12

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 17

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 17

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

My Local Economy

25 Claygate Road

Cambridge

CB1 9JZ

Telephone

+44 1223655181

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Cambridge Policy Consultants Ltd

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Cambridge

CB22 7ZE

Telephone

+44 1223871551

Fax

+44 1223871303

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ekosgen

4/2 137 Sauchiehall Street

Glasgow

G2 3EW

Telephone

+44 8451206244

Fax

+44 8451206245

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Built Environment Smarter Transformation

Unit B 3 Watt Place

Blantyre

G72 0AG

Telephone

+44 7795485130

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Hall Aitken

45 Hope Street

Glasgow

G2 6AE

Telephone

+44 1412043183

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

IFF Research Ltd.

5th Floor St Magnus House, 3 Lower Thames Street

London

EC3R 6HD

Telephone

+44 2072503035

Fax

+44 2074902490

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI31 - Camden and City of London

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ipsos MORI

4 Wemyss Place

Edinburgh

EH4 1JA

Telephone

+44 1312268672

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

London Economics

Somerset House, New Wing, Strand

London

WC2R 1LA

Telephone

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Fax

+44 2078668186

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Optimat Ltd

Rankine Avenue, Scottish Enterprise Technology Park

East Kilbride

G75 0QF

Telephone

+44 1355272800

Fax

+44 1355272556

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

SQW

48 Melville Street

Edinburgh

EH3 7HF

Telephone

+44 1312254007

Fax

+44 1312254077

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Rocket Science

2 Melville Street

Edinburgh

EH3 7NS

Telephone

+44 7774141610

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ekos Ltd

St Georges Studios 93-97 St Georges Road

Glasgow

G3 6JA

Telephone

+44 1413531994

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,500,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

3

Title

Power BI Technical reporting and functionality support

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

15 August 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 4

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Actica Consulting Ltd

4 Stirling House, Stirling Road, Surrey Research Park

Guildford

GU2 7RF

Telephone

+44 1483484090

Fax

+44 1483484091

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

UBDS IT Consulting

Paddington Works, , 8 Hermitage Street

London

W2 1BE

Telephone

+44 3301110066

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £208,333.33

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

4

Title

Econometric Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

15 August 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

London Economics

Somerset House, New Wing, Strand

London

WC2R 1LA

Telephone

+44 2078668181

Fax

+44 2078668186

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £125,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(SC Ref:713881)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Glasgow Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

Sheriff Clerk's Office, PO Box 23, 1 Carlton Place,

Glasgow

G5 9DA

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

The Skills Development Scotland Co. Limited

Monteith House First Floor, 11 George Square

Glasgow

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Email

PROCUREMENT@SDS.CO.UK

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

The Skills Development Scotland Co. Limited

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Glasgow

G2 1DY

Country

United Kingdom