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Contract

## **SPSD Consultancy, Research & Sectoral Development Framework**

The Skills Development Scotland Co. Limited

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

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

The Skills Development Scotland Co. Limited

Monteith House First Floor, 11 George Square

Glasgow

G2 1DY

#### **Email**

[Procurement@sds.co.uk](mailto:Procurement@sds.co.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk](http://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk)

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA12862](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

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## **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

3

### **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

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## **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](#)

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## **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

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## **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

Newton Hall, Newton

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

+44 2078668181

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

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**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

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### **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

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## **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

G2 1DY

Email

[PROCUREMENT@SDS.CO.UK](mailto: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

Monteith House First Floor, 11 George Square

Glasgow

G2 1DY

Country

United Kingdom