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Tender

Scottish Authorities Food Enforcement Rebuild (SAFER) Food Business Social Research

Food Standards Scotland (FSS)

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-034821

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0552cd

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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UKM - Scotland

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Main address

www.foodstandards.gov.scot

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA24524

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Scottish Authorities Food Enforcement Rebuild (SAFER) Food Business Social Research

Reference number

CASE/792740

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73110000 - Research services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

FSS has a requirement for research to be conducted and evidence gathered from Food Business Operators to support both the development of the SAFER programme as well as FSS's statutory business-as-usual responsibilities to support businesses to comply with food law.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £120,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73110000 - Research services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Requirement for research to be conducted and evidence gathered from Food Business Operators to support both the development of the SAFER programme as well as FSS's statutory business-as-usual responsibilities to support businesses to comply with food law.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 75

Price - Weighting: 25

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

8

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend for additional 4 months at sole discretion of the Purchaser

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

As part of the contract agreement, A rate card will be obtained to provide fixed costing for any additional Ad-Hoc research required in connection to research subject matter and solely within specified contract period.

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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

INSURANCE(s)

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

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

Employers (compulsory) Liability Insurance in accordance with any legal obligations at the time being in force.

Public Liability Insurance = 1 Million GBP

Professional Indemnity Insurance = 1 Million GBP

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

Stated within tender documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

13 August 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

13 August 2025

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

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https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=799567

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court & Justice of the Peace Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom