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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**

Food Standards Scotland (FSS)

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Aberdeen

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.foodstandards.gov.scot](http://www.foodstandards.gov.scot)

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA24524](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

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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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## **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