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Contract

Social Enterprise Census 2023-2025

Scottish Government

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Government

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Main address

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10482

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Social Enterprise Census 2023-2025

Reference number

CASE/641340

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73110000 - Research services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Scottish Government (SG) Public Service Reform & Public Bodies Division has a requirement to place a contract with an external service provider to undertake the Social Enterprise Census 2023 (and potentially 2025).

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £140,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79315000 - Social research services
- 79311000 - Survey services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Enterprising Third Sector team in the Scottish Government has commissioned the Social Enterprise (SE) Census biennially since 2015 and is a world leading survey of the SE sector across Scotland, giving data on the health of the sector. We are looking to refresh the process while still keeping the benefits of collecting a longitudinal data set.

The service provider should have knowledge of social research, running surveys and using collected data to form coherent analysis in the form of a report to be published. The census is run on behalf of the SE sector and their input and buy in to the process is vital, a Census Steering Group made up of sector representatives should be formed, with the final agreed questions being run through that group.

The specific methodology can be flexible, but should include a questionnaire of SE Sector, target a 20% response rate from known social enterprises, include Financial Data Gathering and a formal written report of findings. It may include a qualitative follow up of questionnaire to solidify understanding of trends.

The anticipated start date for the contract is late August/early September 2023, with publication of the 2023 Census in November 2024. There is the possibility of an extension to complete the 2025 census upon review of the 2023 census.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Overall Quality / Weighting: 80

Quality criterion - Name: A. Understanding the requirement / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: B. Delivering the requirement / Weighting: 40

Quality criterion - Name: C. Project Management / Weighting: 40

Quality criterion - Name: D. Risk Management / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: G. Fair Work / Weighting: 5

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.1.8) 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

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

CASE/641340

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

14 November 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £140,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £140,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The contractor is accredited as a Living Wage Employer and will continue to pay that wage rate through the duration of this contract.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

27b Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom