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## **Framework Agreement for Counselling Services for Children and Young People**

The Highland Council

F02: Contract notice

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

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

The Highland Council

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

## **NUTS code**

UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.highland.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00045](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00045)

## **I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

[www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

## **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local 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**

## Framework Agreement for Counselling Services for Children and Young People

Reference number

HC/EDU/CSC/2025

### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85312320 - Counselling services

### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Highland Council are looking to establish a Framework Agreement for the purpose of providing Counselling Services to children and young people in the area.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £4,500,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 - Area 1

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85312320 - Counselling services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The Highland Council are looking to establish a Framework Agreement in order to provide Counselling Services to children and young people in the area. Each Lot pertains to an area of Associated Schools Groups (ASGs) for which you can bid for particular ASGs within that area. Please see the attached documentation for further information.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Start date

1 April 2025

End date

31 March 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

As per documentation.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **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.2.14) Additional information**

Please see documentation for further information.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2 - Area 2

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85312320 - Counselling services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

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- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

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Further information available within documentation.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 3 - Area 3

Lot No

3

## **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85312320 - Counselling services

## **II.2.3) Place of performance**

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- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

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### **II.2.14) Additional information**

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 4 - Area 4

Lot No

4

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85312320 - Counselling services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

See documentation for further information.

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.1) Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision

See documentation for further information.

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

See documentation for further information.

#### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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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

Framework agreement with several operators

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

Date

2 December 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

2 December 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: Approximately every four years, subject to funding availability.

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.3) Additional information**

See documentation for further information.

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=780163](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=780163).

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox facility. A user guide is available at

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help\\_guides.aspx](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx).

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:  
<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

See documentation for further information.

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## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Inverness Sherriff Court

Inverness

Country

United Kingdom