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Tender

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

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NUTS code

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Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

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

NUTS codes

- 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

NUTS codes

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

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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

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

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.

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at

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.

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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Download the ESPD document here:

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=780163

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Inverness Sherriff Court

Inverness

Country

United Kingdom