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Award

Locum Remote Official Veterinarian/Meat Health Inspection Services

Food Standards Scotland (FSS)

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-042200

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Food Standards Scotland (FSS)

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.foodstandards.gov.scot

Buyer's address

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Locum Remote Official Veterinarian/Meat Health Inspection Services

Reference number

FSS/2023/010

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85200000 - Veterinary services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The suppliers will provide a service for the delivery of Official Controls (OCs) in

accordance with relevant UK law in FSS AMEs. Typically, this also includes routine attendance in Approved Game Handling Establishments (AGHEs) for joint veterinary and inspector functions and duties. These contracts cover remote areas within Scotland or reduced attendance requirements, where it would be uneconomical for FSS to deploy its own official veterinarians and/or meat hygiene inspectors. The requirement for these services is on a locum basis.

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: £500,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85200000 - Veterinary services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Food Standards Scotland's (FSS) primary concern is consumer protection - making sure that food is safe to eat; ensuring consumers know what they are eating and improving nutrition. This contract will support this objective through the provision of verification through inspection and health marking in FSS Approved Meat Establishments (AMEs).

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The initial contract period is for three years. There is an option to extend the contract for up to a further two years, i.e. up to a maximum contract period of five years.

The requirement has been divided into 6 lots by geographical area of performance.

The collective estimated value of all contracts over the 5-year period is approximately GBP500K .

These contracts are to be awarded to the following suppliers:

- Joanne Drew;
- Chris Williamson;
- Conanvet Ltd;
- Eaglen Veterinary Services Ltd;
- John Kelso; and
- VSK Associates Ltd.

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- The current contracts are reported to have been performing well to date.
- No alternative suppliers were identified through the market research/benchmarking exercise.

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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

FSS/2023/010

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

5 December 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Joanne Drew

Higher Tullochgribban , Dulnain Bridge

Grantown on Spey

PH26 3NE

Telephone

+44 7568084636

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Eaglen Veterinary Services Ltd

A'Chomraich, Aros

Isle of Mull

PA72 6JS

Telephone

+44 7887653225

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM63 - Lochaber, Skye & Lochalsh, Arran & Cumbrae and Argyll & Bute

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Private - Chris Williamson

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IV36 1FL

Telephone

+44 7946095935

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM62 - Inverness & Nairn and Moray, Badenoch & Strathspey

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

John M Kelso MRCVS Locum

11 Laurence Drive, Bearsden, Bearsden

Glasgow

G61 4NZ

Telephone

+44 7711165536

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM81 - East Dunbartonshire, West Dunbartonshire and Helensburgh & Lomond

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

conanvet ltd

ardlair, high st

dingwall

iv7 8az

Telephone

+44 1349861203

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

VSK Associates Ltd

51, Main Street

Dunlop

KA34AF

Telephone

+44 7792130967

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £500,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £500,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=752426.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court & Justice of the Peace Court

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom