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Contract

## **Remote Locum Official Veterinarian Services**

Food Standards Scotland (FSS)

F25: Concession award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0425bd

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

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**NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

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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.4) Type of the contracting authority**

National or federal Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Remote Locum Official Veterinarian Services

Reference number

FSS/2023/010A

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85200000 - Veterinary services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

The supplier 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. This contract covers 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.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

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

This concession is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

### **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 contract covers 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.

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.

The figure shown under “Estimated value” represents our estimate of the maximum potential value. However, the contract is demand-led and out-turn value is likely to be less than this.

Whilst conducting market research it was found that there were no other qualified suppliers who could provide the services required under this contract on a local basis.

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

Concession is awarded on the basis of the criteria described below:

- Criterion: All tenders will be evaluated to ensure compliance with FSS’s minimum requirements as set out in the Specification and Invitation to Tender
- Criterion: All sections will be evaluated on a Pass/Fail basis, Tenderers must achieve a ‘Pass’ for all sections of the evaluation to be awarded a Contract

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the concession**

Duration in months

60

#### **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 IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Form of procedure**

Award procedure without prior publication of a concession notice in the cases listed below

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:

- absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

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The contract covers 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.

Whilst conducting market research it was found that there were no other suppliers who could provide the services required under this contract on a local basis. The following justifications were given for this contract to be established via Non-competitive action with VEAT:

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

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## **Section V. Award of concession**

A concession/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of concession award decision**

14 December 2023

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the concessionaire**

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Country

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NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The concessionaire is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.4) Information on value of concession and main financing terms (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the concession/lot: £200,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **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

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom