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Contract

CivTech 10 - Wildcard Challenge 10.10 - How can technology help make teachers' workload be more manageable, enabling them to focus on the activities that add the most value to learners' outcomes?

Scottish Government

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

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Main address

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

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

CivTech 10 - Wildcard Challenge 10.10 - How can technology help make teachers' workload be more manageable, enabling them to focus on the activities that add the most value to learners' outcomes?

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Teachers play a pivotal role in not just the education of children and young people but in the wider communities they are part of. This role has become increasingly evident throughout the recovery from the Covid 19 pandemic however this has also placed significant additional pressures on teachers. This challenge is seeking to explore ways in which technology could support a reduction in workload, allowing teachers to focus their time on the activities which make the biggest contribution to outcomes for learners.

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: £600,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80100000 - Primary education services
- 80200000 - Secondary education services
- 79600000 - Recruitment services

- 39162000 - Educational equipment
- 39162100 - Teaching equipment

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Edinburgh

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

CivTech's mission is to drive daring and innovation in the public sector by collaboratively solving Challenges that make people's lives better – and in doing so create generations of sustainable, high growth businesses.

CivTech brings together public sector expertise and private sector innovation to solve real problems, develop new products, and deliver better, faster and easier services for everyone. Central to the approach is co-production with the citizen.

Part of the Scottish Government's Digital Directorate, CivTech's approach is helping transform public sector engagement with tech and innovation, delivering significant benefits to public services, producing genuine uplifts for the Scottish economy - and along the way, making lives better.

Across the country there are problems public sector organisations would like to solve and in the current environment the need for smart, efficient and effective products has never been greater. The Scottish Government is aware innovation is a good way to create them and is committed to ensuring a large part of its tech spend goes to smaller, innovative businesses. This is where CivTech comes in.

The CivTech Innovation Flow is designed to create products as quickly and effectively as possible and uses a true Accelerator model at the heart of its Innovation Flow model. For you – whether you're an individual, team or company – it's an opportunity to take on a Challenge, solve it, and win contracts with a blue-chip public sector organisation. You'll build a product, and a business to take it as far as possible. Because here's the kicker: the Challenges we issue aren't 'single organisation' problems – most exist worldwide.

In short: Open Challenges are set. Any organisation, team or individual can respond. Applications are assessed, and shortlisted proposals go into an Exploration Stage where they're developed further [for which participating applicants are paid]. The best go

through to the Accelerator – a period of intensive work to create the solution, and through CivTech’s unique business workshop system, a business capable of taking the product to the world.

Please visit our website for information on CivTech and how to get involved:

<https://www.civtech.scot/how-to-apply-civtech-10>

<https://www.civtech.scot/civtech-10-challenge-10-making-teachers-workload-more-manageable-to-add-value-to-learning-outcomes>

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

27 June 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 37

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 36

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 33

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 37

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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London

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+44 7932047197

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £600,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The contract will be Novated to a new company at the commencement of the contract - new company is Trellis Education Ltd, incorporated under the Companies Acts in England (registered number 16500654) and having its registered office at 41 Dordrecht Road, London W3 7TF

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom