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Contract

DCAF-National Kinship Care Advice Service

Scottish Government

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

DCAF-National Kinship Care Advice Service

Reference number

CASE/758852

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Scottish Government has a requirement to place a contract with an external service provider for the provision of a National Kinship Care Advice Service.

The Scottish Government Children and Families Directorate, on behalf of the Care Experience and Whole Family Wellbeing division, wishes to commission a National Kinship Care Service. The purpose of the Service is to provide relevant support, and up to date advice and information, including peer support, specifically tailored to the needs of kinship carers and children and young people living in kinship care. The new service should also provide a platform for bringing kinship care families together and the sharing of practice between local authorities and other agencies.

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: £697,479.35

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The procurement will follow an Open Procedure.

If there are named subcontractors/technicians upon which the bidder will rely to meet the selection criteria, these named parties must complete and reattach the SPD Supplier Response Form attached to SPD

questions 2C.1.1 (Technicians) and 2D.1.2 (Subcontractors) on PCS-T.

Scottish Government reserves the right to request this information from relevant parties upon whom the

main bidder will not rely to fulfil selection criteria.

4C.4 Bidders must confirm that they will include the standard clause in all contracts used in the delivery of the requirements, ensuring payment of subcontractors at all stages of the supply chain within 30 days and include a point of contact for subcontractors to refer to in the case of payment difficulties. This will require active monitoring of payment performance and provision of evidence and reporting to the Scottish Government on a regular basis. Bidders who fail to answer "Yes" to this question will not have their tender considered further.

4C.7 Light Touch: Bidders will be required to confirm that they will employ environmental management measures that meet the following requirements: Evidence that their organisation has taken steps to build their awareness of the climate change emergency and consideration of how they will respond. This should include details of planned projects and actions to reduce the bidder's carbon emissions.

4C.10 Bidders will be required to confirm whether they intend to sub-contract and if so, for what proportion of the

contract.

Bidders must confirm that they will pay staff that are involved in the delivery of services under the contract, at least the real Living Wage. Any tenderer who answers "No" to this question will not be subject to further evaluation.

Bidders will be required to complete a Supplier Assurance Questionnaire with a Moderate risk allocated. Suppliers must pass the initial questionnaire or provide a Cyber Implementation Plan.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

There is a 12 month optional period that will be utilised at Scottish Ministers discretion.

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

Contract No

CASE/758852

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 June 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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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Edinburgh

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £697,479.35

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

SPD will be scored on a pass/fail basis.

The contract award criteria will be Price 20%/Quality 80 %.

Question Scoring Methodology for Award Criteria outlined in invitation to tender:

0 — Unacceptable. Nil or inadequate response. Fails to demonstrate an ability to meet the requirement.

1 — Poor. Response is partially relevant but generally poor. The response addresses some elements of the

requirement but contains insufficient/limited detail or explanation to demonstrate how the requirement will be

fulfilled.

2 — Acceptable. Response is relevant and acceptable. The response addresses a broad understanding of the

requirement but may lack details on how the requirement will be fulfilled in certain areas.

3 — Good. Response is relevant and good. The response is sufficiently detailed to demonstrate a good

understanding and provides details on how the requirements will be fulfilled.

4 — Excellent. Response is completely relevant and excellent overall.

Bidders must complete the SPD (Scotland) to demonstrate adherence to the Exclusion and Selection Criteria for this procurement.

The mobilisation period starts from signature of the Contract (Contract execution) to the Commencement Date (1st September 2025).

Community Benefit Proposal:

For this service, Children First's community benefits will actively contribute to the Scottish Government's National Outcomes through improving community's economic, social, and

environmental wellbeing.

- Provision of community spaces and community facing hubs across Scotland for local families to utilise;

- Include families in the development of our services;

- For any recruitment that takes place for this Service we will conduct a targeted campaign that will be inclusive and offer opportunities to priority groups within communities;

- Use local small, medium, and local enterprises or supported businesses to provide goods and services for example where we use external training providers; and

- Workforce training on: Adverse Childhood Experiences; Systemic Practice; Trauma Recovery Practice; Restorative Practice; Family Group Decision Making; Alcohol/Drug Awareness; Children's Human Rights; Financial Wellbeing and Anti-racism.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Sherrif Court House

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United Kingdom