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Contract

THE PROVISION OF A HEAT IN BUILDINGS SCOTLAND NATIONAL SCHEME QUALITY ASSURANCE AND AUDIT (QAA)

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

THE PROVISION OF A HEAT IN BUILDINGS SCOTLAND NATIONAL SCHEME QUALITY ASSURANCE AND AUDIT (QAA)

Reference number

563021

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72225000 - System quality assurance assessment and review services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Scottish Government intended to procure a contract for a managing agent to deliver a new national scheme (“the scheme”) as part of its' Heat in Buildings Programme.

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: £3,500,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72225000 - System quality assurance assessment and review services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Purchaser required the provision of Quality Assurance and Audit (QAA) services under this Contract to support delivery of the Heat in Buildings new national scheme.

The purpose of this service is to give the Purchaser confidence that the services provided, and the installation of measures undertaken by the Managing Agent of the Heat in Buildings National Scheme, are compliant to the contract.

The new National Scheme, which is the successor to Warmer Homes Scotland concerns the installation of insulation, heating, and micro-generation measures in the homes of households, across Scotland, who met the eligibility criteria set out by the Purchaser, designed to target support at those in, or at risk of being in, fuel poverty.

The Scottish Government will have in place a contract with a single Managing Agent who is responsible for managing the end-to-end customer journey. This includes assessing the household's eligibility, identifying the Measures which are suitable for the dwelling through a PAS 2035 retrofit assessment process, carrying out a technical assessment, installing the measures, arranging a Post-Installation inspection, arranging billing of the Scottish Government (as Purchaser) and the customer, as appropriate, and following up with a service visit later.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Service Delivery / Weighting: 40

Quality criterion - Name: Management Staffing and Resourcing / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Contract Management / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Cyber Security / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Climate Emergency / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Community Benefits / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Work First / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Business Continuity and Disaster Recover BCDR / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 20

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

Notice number: [2023/S 000-024847](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

563021

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

8 December 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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 contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Pennington Choices Ltd

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Cheshire

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,500,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Question Scoring Methodology for Award Criteria is outlined in invitation to tender documents

Please note there are minimum requirements concerning Cyber Security for this contract.

Tenderers are also asked to confirm that they will pay staff that are involved in the delivery of services under the contract at least the real

living wage. Tenderers who do not pass these questions will not be subject to Commercial Analysis as a result the tender will not be

considered further.

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

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.

If bidders intend to use a supply chain to deliver the requirements detailed in the Contract Notice, they should confirm they have (or have

access to) the relevant supply chain management and tracking systems to ensure a resilient and sustainable supply chain. This will include

confirmation that they have the systems in place to pay subcontractors through the supply chain promptly and effectively, and provide

evidence when requested of:

a) their standard payment terms

b) $\geq 95\%$ of all supply chain invoices being paid on time (in accordance with the terms of contract) in the last financial year.

If the bidder is unable to confirm (b) they must provide an improvement plan, signed by their Director, which improves the payment

performance.

Bidders will be required to confirm that they will employ environmental management measures that meet the following requirements:

Bidders will be required to provide evidence that their organisation has taken steps to build their awareness of the climate change emergency and how they will respond. Accepted evidence includes but is not limited to:

a completed copy of the Bidder 'relevant contract' Climate Change Plan Template, including planned projects and actions to reduce the bidder's carbon emissions. This does not need to contain calculated carbon emissions.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 22681. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

As this is a demand led service The pricing submitted by the winning supplier will apply up to

the maximum contract value of 3,500,000 GBP

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court Sheriff Court House

27 Chamber Street

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Country

United Kingdom