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Contract

Cyber Security Assurance Services Framework

City of Edinburgh Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

City of Edinburgh Council

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspxD=AA00290

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Cyber Security Assurance Services Framework

Reference number

CT1218

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

The City of Edinburgh Council is awarding a robust Framework for the procurement of secure digital services. It aims to enhance the Councils ability to assess and select IT

service providers that meet stringent security requirements, ensuring the delivery of secure and reliable digital services.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

Value excluding VAT: £750,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Essential Services: Penetration Testing, Security Assurance & Reporting, Advice & Consultation

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

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

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The City of Edinburgh Council intends to establish a Framework Agreement that will provide the Council with a range of ICT information and system security assessments.

These include:

- Penetration testing and vulnerability assessments against industry standards at application, component, and full stack levels, and
- Security assurance and reporting of proposed new technologies and services.

Suppliers must also provide:

- Advice and consultation on proposed and existing cloud developments,
- Advice and consultation on proposed and existing cloud infrastructure configurations, and
- Advice and consultation on cloud technologies to support ongoing management of our cloud operations.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Delivery of Services / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Advice and Consultancy / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Account Management and Staffing / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Business continuity / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: The Environment / Weighting: 5

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

Quality criterion - Name: Community Benefits / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 50

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Incident Response, Digital Forensics, Data Breach Assessment & Recovery

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

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

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The City of Edinburgh Council intends to establish a Framework Agreement that will provide the Council with a range of ICT information and system security assessments.

These include:

- Incident Response,
- Digital Forensics,
- Data Breach Assessment and Recovery.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality from Lot 1 / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Security Audit – PCI, Security Architecture/Design Review, Compliance & Regulatory Services.

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

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

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The City of Edinburgh Council intends to establish a Framework Agreement that will provide the Council with a range of ICT information and system security assessments.

These include:

- Security Audit – PCI,
- Security Architecture/Design Review,
- Compliance and Regulatory Services.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality from Lot 1 / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Threat Intelligence

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

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

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The City of Edinburgh Council intends to establish a Framework Agreement that will provide the Council with a range of ICT information and system security assessments.

These include:

- Threat Intelligence

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality from Lot 1 / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Vulnerability Assessments

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

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

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The City of Edinburgh Council intends to establish a Framework Agreement that will provide the Council with a range of ICT information and system security assessments.

These include:

- Vulnerability Assessments

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality from Lot 1 / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Data & Hardware Sanitisation

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

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

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The City of Edinburgh Council intends to establish a Framework Agreement that will provide the Council with a range of ICT information and system security assessments.

These include:

- Data and Hardware Sanitisation

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality from Lot 1 / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

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

Restricted procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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: [2024/S 000-020020](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

Title

Essential Services: Penetration Testing, Security Assurance & Reporting, Advice & Consultation

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

6 August 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 4

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Trustmarque Solutions Ltd

Marlborough House, Westminster Place, York Business Park,

York.

YO26 6RW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE21 - York

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Redcentric Solutions Limited

Central House, Beckwith Knowle

Harrogate

HG3 1UG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE2 - North Yorkshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

NCC Group Security Services Limited

XYZ Building, 2 Hardman Boulevard, Spinningfields,

MANCHESTER

M3 3AQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Entserv UK Ltd

Royal Pavilion, Wellesley Road

Aldershot

GU11 1PZ

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: £750,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

3

Title

Security Audit – PCI, Security Architecture/Design Review, Compliance & Regulatory Services.

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

6 August 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 4

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Trustmarque Solutions Ltd

Marlborough House, Westminster Place, York Business Park,

York.

YO26 6RW

Country

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NUTS code

- UKE21 - York

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Redcentric Solutions Limited

Central House, Beckwith Knowle

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE2 - North Yorkshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £750,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

4

Title

Threat Intelligence

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

6 August 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 4

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Trustmarque Solutions Ltd

Marlborough House, Westminster Place, York Business Park,

York.

YO26 6RW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE21 - York

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Redcentric Solutions Limited

Central House, Beckwith Knowle

Harrogate

HG3 1UG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE2 - North Yorkshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

NCC Group Security Services Limited

XYZ Building, 2 Hardman Boulevard, Spinningfields,

MANCHESTER

M3 3AQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Aldershot

GU11 1PZ

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: £750,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

5

Title

Vulnerability Assessments

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

6 August 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 4

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

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

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Country

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £750,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

6

Title

Data & Hardware Sanitisation

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

6 August 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 4

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

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

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V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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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: £750,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

Incident Response, Digital Forensics, Data Breach Assessment & Recovery

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

6 August 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

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: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Redcentric Solutions Limited

Central House, Beckwith Knowle

Harrogate

HG3 1UG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE2 - North Yorkshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £750,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Contained in tender documentation

(SC Ref:806607)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Sheriff Court

Sheriff Court House, 27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

An economic operator that suffers or risks suffering loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or Court of Session. A claim for an ineffectiveness order must be made within 30 days of the Contract Award Notice being published in the Find a Tender Service within 30 days of the date those who expressed an interest in or otherwise bid for the contract were informed of the conclusion of the contract or in any other case within 6 months from the date on which the contract was entered into.