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Planning

Procurement, Commercial and Sustainable Training Framework

Scottish Government

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

Internet address(es)

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.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Procurement, Commercial and Sustainable Training Framework

Reference number

SP-25-07

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Scottish Government is seeking the provision of a Procurement and Commercial Training Framework on behalf of the Scottish Ministers to support the professionalisation of public procurement in Scotland. This is a successor to the procurement and commercial training framework that is ending in December 2025.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £600,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Procurement and Commercial Training

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80430000 - Adult-education services at university level
- 80500000 - Training services
- 80532000 - Management training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Lot 1: Procurement and commercial

Public procurement skills across a broad range of topics covering goods, services and

works, including current legislation and policy relevant to Scotland, building commercial acumen, and procurement and supply chain specialisms.

II.2.14) Additional information

Estimated Value for Lot 300,000 GBP

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Sustainable procurement

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80430000 - Adult-education services at university level
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Lot 2: Sustainable procurement

Public procurement skills specifically related to the Sustainable Procurement Duty and its associated tools and guidance under the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (and any subsequent legislation), with particular regard to improving procurement capability and embedding sustainability into procurement processes.

II.2.14) Additional information

Estimated Value for Lot 300,000 GBP

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

19 September 2025

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This framework will be a successor to the procurement and commercial training frameworks (<https://www.gov.scot/publications/procurement-training-frameworks/>) that operated nationally in Scotland from 2016 to 2025. This framework will align its capability development offerings with the National Procurement Competency Framework (<https://www.gov.scot/publications/procurement-training-frameworks/>) and will focus on the following competency levels defined in that Competency Framework:

- Foundation
- Working Knowledge
- Practitioner
- Expert

Providers will be expected to deliver learning remotely and flexibly through a variety of methods including courses, workshops, blended learning approaches, coaching and mentoring, work-based learning and high-quality interactive learning packages.

Providers must also be able to amend existing and develop new learning with the aim of making a demonstrable impact on the job, supporting practical application and the adoption of professional practice.

Throughout the lifetime of the framework providers will be expected to ensure that content and delivery mechanisms are continually and regularly evolved to align with national standards, relevant legislation and include the latest methodologies, case studies and best practice from the Procurement Journey (<https://www.procurementjourney.scot/>).

In addition, the provider of each Lot will be required to deliver an annual programme of open courses, which will be available remotely to learners at a per place rate, and host national eLearning packages related to the subject of the Lot.

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