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Contract

SPPD - Publishing, Print, Design & Associated Services (PPDAS) 2025

Scottish Government

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Government

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NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

http://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

SPPD - Publishing, Print, Design & Associated Services (PPDAS) 2025

Reference number

SP-24-006

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79970000 - Publishing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This Framework Agreement is for the Provision of Publishing, Print, Design & Associated Services (PPDAS) across the Scottish Public Sector.

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: £40,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79800000 - Printing and related services
- 79810000 - Printing services
- 22314000 - Designs
- 30192700 - Stationery
- 30199700 - Printed stationery except forms

- 31682230 - Graphic display panels
- 32300000 - Television and radio receivers, and sound or video recording or reproducing apparatus
- 34928470 - Signage
- 39133000 - Display units
- 39154100 - Exhibition stands
- 39171000 - Display cases
- 39294100 - Information and promotion products
- 71354100 - Digital mapping services
- 79530000 - Translation services
- 79822500 - Graphic design services
- 79824000 - Printing and distribution services
- 79933000 - Design support services
- 79971000 - Bookbinding and finishing services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Scottish Procurement & Property Directorate (SPPD) is the organisation tasked with procuring requirements on behalf of Scottish public sector bodies. The current Publishing, Print, Design & Associated Services (PPDAS) framework is due to expire on 30 September 2025. The agreement is for a period of 4 years. The Contractor must be able to provide the full range of services as detailed in the Invitation to Tender documents to Public Sector Bodies on a cost effective and best value basis.

These include (but are not limited) to the following:

- Design Services
- Publishing Services
- Print Services

- Display Materials
- Promotional Items
- Distribution Services
- Delivery Services
- Other Services

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 65

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 35

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.1.3) 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

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

SP-24-006

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 September 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

APS Group (Scotland) Ltd

21 Tennant Street

Edinburgh

EH6 5NA

Telephone

+44 7590778317

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £40,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The Framework agreement will be available for use by the Scottish Ministers (including Agencies), Scottish Non-Departmental Public Bodies, offices in the Scottish Administration which are not ministerial offices, cross-border public authorities within the meaning of section 88(5) of the Scotland Act 1998, the Scotland Office, the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, councils constituted under section 2 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994, bodies regulated as social landlords under the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001, Scottish health boards or special health boards, Student Loan Company Limited, the Commissioner of Northern Lighthouse operating as the Northern Lighthouse Board, Scottish Futures Trust, Equality and Human Rights Commission, Business Stream Ltd, the Business Gateway National Unit at the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities, further or higher education institutions being fundable bodies within the meaning of Section 6 of the further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2005, any public body established by or under the Scotland Act 1998 or any Act of the Scottish Parliament, any association of or formed by one or more of the foregoing, bodies financed wholly or mainly by one or more of the foregoing, bodies subject to management supervision by one or more of the foregoing and bodies more than half of the board of directors or members of which, or, in the case of a group of individuals, more than half of those individuals, being appointed by one or more of the foregoing. In addition to the contracting authorities listed, the framework agreement will be available to charities entered on the Scottish Charity Register and voluntary organisations entered on the Membership Database of the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisation.

Information about agencies of the Scottish Ministers, Scottish Non-Departmental Public Bodies and offices in the Scottish Administration which are not ministerial offices are listed at:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Government/public-bodies/about/Bodies>.

The estimated total value of 40,000,000 GBP advised at II.1.7 is a genuine estimate, which may be exceeded for services within scope, up to a value of 60,000,000 GBP.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court & Justice of Peace Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/the-courts/court-locations/edinburgh-sheriff-court-and-justice-of-the-peace-court>

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.