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Contract

Delivery of Spectra 2026 and 2027

Aberdeen City Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0515a4

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

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Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00231

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Recreation, culture and religion

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Delivery of Spectra 2026 and 2027

Reference number

CRN00040110

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 92000000 - Recreational, cultural and sporting services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Contract for the curation and production of the programme for Spectra, Scotland's Festival of Light, in 2026 and 2027

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: £600,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79952100 - Cultural event organisation services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

Main site or place of performance

Union Terrace Gardens and additional city centre locations

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Aberdeen City Council are seeking to appoint an experienced festival or event production company to curate and produce the programme for Spectra, Scotland's Festival of Light in 2026 and 2027.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Programme / Weighting: 40

Quality criterion - Name: Contract Management and Management Information / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Production Management / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability and Community Benefits / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental Wellbeing / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 5

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

CRN00040110

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

10 July 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

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: 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

Live Event Management LTD

c/o Gilbert Watson & Associates LTD, 42 Carden Place

Aberdeen

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Telephone

+44 7845237672

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £600,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Aberdeen Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace

Castle Street

Aberdeen

AB10 1WP

Country

United Kingdom