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Insolvency Services

Accountant in Bankruptcy

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Accountant in Bankruptcy

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00233

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Economic and financial affairs

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Insolvency Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79211000 - Accounting services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of Insolvency Services to Accountant in Bankruptcy (AiB).

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: £4,927,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

North Eastern Scotland & Highlands & Islands and Parts of Eastern Scotland

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79211000 - Accounting services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of Insolvency Services to Accountant in Bankruptcy.

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

Parts of South Western Scotland

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79211000 - Accounting services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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

Parts of South Western Scotland and Parts of Eastern Scotland

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79211000 - Accounting services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- Additional deliveries by the original supplier

Explanation:

This notice is in compliance with Regulation 34 and Regulation 72(1)(c) of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (PC(S)R 2015). Full details stated under V1.3 'Additional Information'.

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement

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: [2021/S 000-031767](#)

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Lot No

1

Title

North Eastern Scotland & Highlands & Islands and Parts of Eastern Scotland

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

7 June 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Dunedin Advisory Limited

H5 Newark Business Park, Newark Road South

Glenrothes

KY7 4NS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM72 - Clackmannanshire and Fife

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Wylie Bisset

168 Bathstreet

Glasgow

G2 4TP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £4,927,000

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Lot No

2

Title

Parts of South Western Scotland

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

7 June 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This Voluntary Ex Ante Transparency (VEAT) notice is issued to provide notice of the decision to extend the Insolvency Services Framework Agreement beyond its initial four-year term. The framework was originally entered into on 01.07.22 for a duration of four years and therefore is due to terminate on 30.06.26. The intention is to award an extension to the contract for a further 9 months resulting in a termination date of 30 March 2027. The extension is necessitated by unforeseen circumstances related to the subject matter of the contract that have significantly impacted the insolvency landscape. This notice is in compliance with Regulation 34 and Regulation 72(1)(c) of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (PC(S)R 2015) in that (i) a framework in excess of 4 years is only permissible where this is justified in exceptional cases because of the subject matter of the framework and (ii) unforeseen circumstances have arisen which were unforeseen at the time of the original procurement.

The exceptional circumstances relating to the extension of the framework beyond the 4-year term relate to the subject matter, in that an independent review of Scotland's statutory debt solutions (the MacDermid Review) is currently ongoing, with findings expected in late 2025. The review is likely to recommend legislative reforms that would potentially reshape the statutory framework governing insolvency and diligence and will require timescales for implementation. As a result, this will change the approach in dealing with these services. This will need to be featured in the new framework advertised moving forward.

The unforeseen circumstances are as follows: (a) Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic has had a profound and unprecedented impact on the operational landscape of insolvency services. The pandemic has led to significant disruptions in the market, affecting the availability and delivery of services under the framework. These disruptions were unforeseeable at the time of the framework's inception and have necessitated a reassessment of the framework's duration to ensure continued compliance and service delivery whilst awaiting the outcome of the policy review (b) given the change since the implementation of the framework, together with the policy/statutory changes will result in changes to approach which has further contributed to the need for an extension. The extension will provide the necessary time to implement these changes effectively, ensuring that the new framework will be fit for purpose.

In light of the unforeseen circumstances detailed above, extending the Insolvency Services Framework Agreement is both necessary and justified. This extension will ensure that the framework remains compliant with regulatory requirements, continues to deliver essential services effectively, and aligns with evolving policy and organisational objectives. The extension is a prudent measure to address the challenges posed by these

unforeseen developments, thereby safeguarding the integrity and functionality of the framework.

AiB intend to engage with the market to help shape the next insolvency services procurement exercise in due course.

(SC Ref:799508)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Kilmarnock Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

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