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# PR Services in North America: Leisure

VisitScotland Scottish Government - BrandScotland

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

### I.1) Name and addresses

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Scottish Government - BrandScotland
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Glasgow
G2 8EA
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Steph.Mcintosh@gov.scot
Country
United Kingdom
NUTS code

Internet address(es)

UKM - Scotland

Main address

http://www.scotland.gov.uk

### I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

### I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

# I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

## I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Marketing/Tourism

# **Section II: Object**

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

PR Services in North America: Leisure

Reference number

VSEH25026

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

79416000 - Public relations services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

VisitScotland is looking to contract a full-service Public Relations agency with specialised expertise in the travel sector to deliver a wide portfolio of PR activities in the US and Canada in support of VisitScotland's global brand strategy.

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £615,000

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### II.2) Description

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• US - United States

Main site or place of performance

New York

#### II.2.4) Description of the procurement

VisitScotland is looking to contract a full-service Public Relations agency with specialised expertise in the travel sector to deliver a wide portfolio of PR activities in the US and Canada in support of VisitScotland's global brand strategy.

There is a requirement for a Consumer-focused PR Service and this needs an agency with expert, current knowledge of both the US and Canadian leisure travel sector, media marketplace, trends and consumer insights, and travel trade media, and sound knowledge of Scotland and its attractions for North American visitors

#### II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £615,000

#### II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

**Duration in months** 

12

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

up to 2 x 12 month extensions

#### II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

#### 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

Notice number: <u>2022/S 000-022455</u>

#### IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

4 November 2025

Local time

12:00pm

#### IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

#### IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 12 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

4 November 2025

Local time

12:00pm

# **Section VI. Complementary information**

#### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: 36 months

# VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### VI.3) Additional information

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#### VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

**Edinburgh Sheriff Court** 

27 Chambers St

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom