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Contract

NOS Database Hosting and Maintenance

Skills Development Scotland Ltd

F03: Contract award notice

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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

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA12862

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Non Departmental Public Body

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

NOS Database Hosting and Maintenance

Reference number

P24-022

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72222300 - Information technology services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Skills Development Scotland has a multi-lot requirement to procure a supplier to host the UK National Occupational Standards system which is an Umbraco website currently hosted on an Azure application service. Skills Development Scotland also has a requirement to procure a supplier to provide technical support and maintenance services for the UK National Occupational Standards system, including the website, database and associated components.

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: £281,535

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 NOS Website and Database Hosting

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72222300 - Information technology services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Skills Development Scotland has a requirement to procure a supplier to host the UK National Occupational Standards (NOS) system which is an Umbraco website currently hosted on an Azure application service.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Meets Specification of Requirements / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Quality criterion - Name: Methodology and Approach / Weighting: 50

Quality criterion - Name: Continuous Improvement / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Change and Risk Management / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Cyber Security / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Added Value / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Work First / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Prompt Payment in the Supply Chain / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Price - Weighting: 30

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.2.14) Additional information

This Lot is for - Lot 1 NOS Website and Database Hosting. The estimated value for this lot is 112500 GBP for the duration of the contract including any applicable extension periods

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 - NOS Website and Database Maintenance and Support

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72222300 - Information technology services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The scope of the tendered services covers providing SDS with on-going support and maintenance for the NOS system and database. Skills Development Scotland may require the successful supplier to undertake development work to improve the functionality of the database.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Meets Specification of Requirements / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Quality criterion - Name: Methodology and Approach / Weighting: 50

Quality criterion - Name: Continuous Improvement / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Change and Risk Management / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Cyber Security / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Added Value / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Work First / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Prompt Payment in the Supply Chain / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Price - Weighting: 30

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.2.14) Additional information

This Lot is for - Lot 2 NOS Website and Database Maintenance and Support. The estimated value for this lot is 187500 GBP for the duration of the contract including any applicable extension periods

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: [2025/S 000-005920](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

Title

Lot 1 NOS Website and Database Hosting

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 June 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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GLASGOW

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+44 1412126400

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £97,200

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

Lot 2 - NOS Website and Database Maintenance and Support

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 June 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 5

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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NUTS code

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £184,335

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Further information can be found within the Invitation to Tender document as well as the online Single Procurement Document (SPD) module

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The Sheriff Clerk's Office

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United Kingdom

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

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

The Skills Development Scotland Co. Limited

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VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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