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Contract

Independent investigation into higher education institution

Scottish Funding Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00381

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Independent investigation into higher education institution

Reference number

SFC 24-25 014 Q4

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

An independent investigation to determine the causes and contributing factors to the deterioration of a higher education institution's financial position.

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: £423,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79720000 - Investigation services
- 66171000 - Financial consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

An independent investigation to determine the causes and contributing factors to the deterioration of the higher education institution's financial position.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

Explanation:

The award was required due to an urgent requirement for these services. This was brought about by a quickly developing and changing situation at the higher education institution. Further time pressure was been caused due an unsuccessful competition for these services in which 0 tenders were returned. (NB this was a competition under a Framework). SFC was therefore in a position where they need to appoint a provider urgently.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

SFC 24-25 014 Q4

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

14 April 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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

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

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 0

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

BDO LLP

4 Atlantic Quay, 70 York Street

Glasgow

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United Kingdom

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- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £423,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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The sensitive nature of this requirement meant it was not possible to delay further to carry out another competition.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

Sherrif Court House, 27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom