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Contract

Invitation to Tender for the Provision of Aquatic Sample Processing and Taxonomic Determination

Orkney Islands Council (Harbour Authority)

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Orkney Islands Council (Harbour Authority)

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NUTS code

UKM65 - Orkney Islands

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.orkneyharbours.com>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11522

I.6) Main activity

Port-related activities

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Invitation to Tender for the Provision of Aquatic Sample Processing and Taxonomic Determination

Reference number

OIC/PROC/2178

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71610000 - Composition and purity testing and analysis services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Orkney Islands Council, Marine Services are seeking to appoint a suitably qualified and experienced contractor for the provision of sample processing and taxonomic determination for a 3-year period (with the option to extend for a further 2 x 12 months). The Contract will commence on 4 August 2025.

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: £283,670

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71600000 - Technical testing, analysis and consultancy services
- 71630000 - Technical inspection and testing services
- 71632000 - Technical testing services

- 71900000 - Laboratory services
- 73111000 - Research laboratory services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM65 - Orkney Islands

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Orkney Island Council, Marine Services conducts marine non-native species monitoring as part of its Ballast Water Management Policy (adopted December 2013). During this monitoring programme samples are collected from several locations within Scapa Flow, Orkney. In addition, samples are also collected from visiting yacht mooring (buoys and mooring chains).

One overall tender is required for the following, split as detailed below:

Project 1 - Non-native species monitoring programme (Option A and Option B).

Project 2 - Visiting Yacht Mooring surveys.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Project Understanding and Requirements / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Project Methodology and Specific Expertise / Weighting: 45

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Work First / Weighting: 0

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

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 September 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: 0

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

APEM Ltd

Riverview, A17 Embankment Business Park,, Vale Road, Heaton Mersey

Stockport

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD6 - Cheshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £283,670

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Orkney Islands Council reserves the right to cancel the procurement at any stage and not award a Contract. The expenditure, work or effort undertaken by bidders prior to the award of any Contract is accordingly a matter solely for the commercial judgement of bidders.

Late tenders will not be considered by the Council and all questions are to be submitted via the Questions and Answers section of this contract advertisement on PCS.

An economic operator that suffers, or risks suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or Court of Sessions.

Tenderers should complete the SPD (Scotland) contained within the SPD Module attached to this notice.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Sheriffs Court

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