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# PROC-24-2482 Forensic Services Core Operating System (COS)

Scottish Police Authority

F02: Contract notice

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# **Section I: Contracting authority**

# I.1) Name and addresses

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#### Country

**United Kingdom** 

#### **NUTS** code

UKM82 - Glasgow City

#### Internet address(es)

Main address

http://www.spa.police.uk

Buyer's address

 $\underline{https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA1976}\\ 2$ 

### I.3) Communication

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

https://www.publictendersscotland.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.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

# I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

# I.5) Main activity

Public order and safety

# **Section II: Object**

# II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

PROC-24-2482 Forensic Services Core Operating System (COS)

Reference number

PROC-24-2482

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 72268000 - Software supply services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

The Authority is seeking to appoint a Contractor for the provision, delivery and implementation of a Forensic Services Core Operating System (COS).

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### II.2) Description

#### II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48000000 Software package and information systems
- 72222300 Information technology services
- 72267100 Maintenance of information technology software
- 72311100 Data conversion services

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

UKM - Scotland

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

The Authority is seeking to appoint a Contractor for the provision, delivery and implementation of a Forensic Services Core Operating System (COS). The Contract Period will be for a minimum of eight (8) years with the option, held solely at the Authority's discretion, to extend for a further period of two (2) twenty-four (24) month periods (8 years + 2 + 2) up to twelve (12) years in total. The actual commencement date of the Contract will not be known until Contract Award.

Forensic Services requires an effective case, evidence and laboratory information management system which allows our people to focus on the specialist forensic and support activity required for delivery of examination outcomes in timeframes which bring real value for our criminal justice partners and the wider Scottish public.

The scope includes implementation services, including support with significant data migration from existing Tier 1 systems, as well as ongoing support and maintenance.

This procurement is for a new Forensic Services Core Operating System.

Further information is provided within the ITP document, available on PCS-T.

#### II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

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

**Duration in months** 

96

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

A period of two (2) twenty-four (24) month periods (8 years + 2 + 2) up to twelve (12) years in total.

#### II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged minimum number: 3

Maximum number: 5

#### II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

#### II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Police Scotland reserve the right to purchase additional goods and services which offer ongoing improvements to the operational solution and to cater for the emergence of new and evolving technologies which could enhance the solution and/or the provision of the Services. Any such changes will be progressed through the Contract Variation process in accordance

with Regulation 72 of the Public Contract (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

#### 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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

#### III.1) Conditions for participation

# III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

Please note, the relevant selection criteria will be included in the SPD module.

#### III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

Please note, the relevant selection criteria will be included in the SPD module.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Please note, the relevant selection criteria will be included in the SPD module.

#### III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

Please note, the relevant selection criteria will be included in the SPD module.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Please note, the relevant selection criteria will be included in the SPD module.

### III.2) Conditions related to the contract

#### III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

#### Section IV. Procedure

#### **IV.1) Description**

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Competitive procedure with negotiation

# IV.1.4) Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated

#### IV.1.5) Information about negotiation

The contracting authority reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without conducting negotiations

#### 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>2024/S 000-032700</u>

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

Date

27 November 2025

Local time

12:00pm

# IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

11 December 2025

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

**English** 

# **Section VI. Complementary information**

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

#### VI.3) Additional information

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Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

Full information on this is provided within the Tender Documents.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this PQQ exercise. The Project code is 6713. For more information see:

http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see: <a href="http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363">http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363</a>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see: <a href="https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/">https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/</a>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

As part of our commitment to delivery social value through public procurement, please describe how your organisation will support employment and skills development opportunities as a direct result of being awarded this contract.

Detail how you will create opportunities for:

- The employment of recent graduates
- Provision of graduate-level placements
- Upskilling or training programmes linked to the delivery of this contract

Your response should include:

- Specific targets or commitments (e.g. number of graduates employed, duration of placements
- The timeframe for implementation
- Any partnerships with local education providers or employment schemes.

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# VI.4) Procedures for review

# VI.4.1) Review body

**Glasgow Sheriff Court** 

Glasgow

Country

**United Kingdom**