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Tender

P26-0044 External Audit Services

Scottish Enterprise

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-075381

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02f6aa

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Enterprise

Atrium Court, 50 Waterloo Street

Glasgow

G2 6HQ

Email

lesley.reid@scotent.co.uk

Telephone

+44 1414686024

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM82 - Glasgow City

Internet address(es)

Main address

http://www.scottish-enterprise.com/

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0039

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Economic and financial affairs

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

P26-0044 External Audit Services

Reference number

P26-0044

II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 79212000 - Auditing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The purpose of this Invitation to Tender (ITT) is to appoint a supplier to deliver External Audit Services to Scottish Enterprise in respect of its subsidiary companies.

There are currently 9 subsidiary companies (excluding dormant companies).

Over the period of this tender there may be adjustments to the number of subsidiaries to be audited. The subsidiaries range in size and nature of business but include the Glasgow Science Centre group of Companies.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £150,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

• 79212000 - Auditing services

- 79212300 Statutory audit services
- 79212100 Financial auditing services
- 79210000 Accounting and auditing services
- 79200000 Accounting, auditing and fiscal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Project Team Structure & Experience / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Audit Approach & Methodology / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Understanding of Requirements & Sector Knowledge /

Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Timetable including milestones for objectives / Weighting: 35

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

Price - Weighting: 40

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £150,000

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

Start date

16 February 2026

End date

30 November 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

II.2.14) Additional information

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in Regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

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

The relevant selection criteria will be included in the SPD Scotland online module.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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

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: 2021/S 000-028475

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

Date

22 December 2025

Local time

5:00pm

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: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

23 December 2025

Local time

8:00am

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: 42 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

This is a relevant climate change contract, bidders are required to complete and return the attached Climate Change Plan template.

SPD Statement for 2A.17 – Form of Participation (Notably as part of a group, consortium, joint venture or similar).

Any contract will be entered into with the nominated lead organisation and all members of the consortium, who will in these circumstances each be required to execute said contract together with all ancillary documentation, evidencing their joint and several liability in respect of the obligations and liabilities of the contract. It will be for members of the consortium to sort out their respective duties and liabilities amongst each other. For administrative purposes, any associated documentation will be sent to the nominated lead organisation.

SPD Statement for 2C.1 - Where the main bidder relies on the capacities of other entities in order to meet the selection criteria, the bidder must provide a separate SPD response setting out the information required under SPD (Scotland): Part II (sections A and B); Part III exclusion grounds; the relevant part of Section IV selection criteria; and Part V (if applicable) for each of the entities concerned.

SPD Statement for 2D.1 – If the bidder proposes to subcontract any part(s) of the service and those sub-contractors are not relied upon, they should arrange for a separate SPD response from each potential subcontractor. The subcontractors must complete the relevant parts of the SPD (Scotland) (Sections A and B of Part II and Part III only) to self-declare whether there are grounds for their exclusion. [This may be requested at the selection stage or prior to the subcontractor commencing work on the contract.]

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The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox facility. A user guide is available at https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx.

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.

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Download the ESPD document here:

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=816188

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Glasgow Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

Sheriff Clerk's Office, PO Box 23, 1 Carlton Place,

Glasgow

G5 9DA

Telephone

+44 1414298888

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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

Scottish Government

5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw

Glasgow

G2 8LU

Email

SPOEprocurement@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Telephone

+44 1412425466

Country

United Kingdom
Internet address
http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Government/Procurement/Selling/supplier-enquiries
VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained
Scottish Government
5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw
Glasgow
G2 8LU
Email
SPOEprocurement@scotland.gsi.gov.uk
Telephone
+44 1412425466
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United Kingdom
Internet address

http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Government/Procurement/Selling/supplier-enquiries