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Tender

Scottish Marine Animal Stranding Scheme

Scottish Government

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10482

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

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Scottish Marine Animal Stranding Scheme

Reference number

CASE/693111

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85200000 - Veterinary services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The aim of the project is to provide a coordinated approach to the surveillance of cetacean, seal, sharks and marine turtle strandings, and to investigate causes of death of stranded animals in Scotland. Where required, efforts should be made to expand and develop the established volunteer network to improve reporting and strandings investigations.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £825,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73112000 - Marine research services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Within your premises for carrying out post mortem investigation.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Scottish Marine Strandings Scheme (SMASS) has been in operation since 1992, with principal aim of providing a coordinated approach to the surveillance of cetacean, seal, shark and marine turtle strandings, and to investigate major causes of death of stranded animals in Scotland. Along with undertaking these investigations, SMASS maintains an online database of stranding events as well as hosting annual and end of contract reports on their website. Archived tissue samples from strandings attended by the SMASS team or members of the volunteer network are also stored and managed under the SMASS programme. The data collected is used to inform reporting commitments under statutory obligations (e.g. UK Marine Strategy, OSPAR, ICES).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Understanding and Delivery of Requirements / Weighting: 35

Quality criterion - Name: Timetable / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Staff Competence, Knowledge & Experience / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Contract Management / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Corporate & Social Responsibilities / Weighting: 5

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

Price - Weighting: 30

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

Start date

7 April 2026

End date

6 April 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Two 12 month options to extend up to 6 April 2031.

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

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

- a) A review of the minimum specific yearly turnover over last two years.
- b) Appropriate insurance levels as stipulated in 4B.5.
- c) Demonstration of a Current Ratio of greater than 0.8.
- d) A Net Profit greater than zero within the two year cycle.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

4B2a: Bidders will be required to have a minimum "specific" yearly turnover of 1,650,000 GBP for the last two years.

In the event that the Bidder does not comply with this requirement, they will not be considered any further in this tendering exercise.

As evidence for the SPD (Scotland) question 4B1a, the Procurement Officer may ask for annual accounts from the bidder.

4B5: It is a requirement of this contract that bidders hold or can commit to obtain prior to the commencement of any subsequently awarded contract, the types of insurance indicated below:

Employers (Compulsory) Liability Insurance = In accordance with the legal obligation for the time being enforced.

Public Liability Insurance = 1 Million GBP

4B6: Bidders must demonstrate a Current Ratio of greater than 0.8.

Current Ratio will be calculated as follows: net current assets divided by net current liabilities.

Bidders must demonstrate a Net Profit greater than zero within two year cycle.

Please state whether you have applied IFRS15 to your accounts.

There must be no qualification or contra-indication from any evidence provided in support of the bidders economic and financial standing.

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

- a) Recent examples demonstrating relevant experience to deliver goods or services.
- b) Details of staffing resources and facilities available.
- c) Details of technical facilities.
- d) Environmental Management
- e) Technical equipment, tools and plant
- f) Subcontracting.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

4C1.2: Bidders will be required to provide three examples over the last five years that demonstrate that they have the relevant experience to deliver the services/supplies as

described in the Contract Notice or the relevant section of the site notice.

4C2: Bidders will be required to provide details of the technicians, staff resources or technical bodies the bidder can call upon in relation to this procurement exercise.

4C3b: Bidders will be required to provide details of the technical facilities.

4C7: Bidders will be required to confirm what environmental management measures they will employ.

4C9: Bidders should provide details of relevant tools, plant or technical equipment available to you in relation to this procurement exercise. For desk based activities, this may also relate to IT capability.

4C10: Bidders will be required to confirm that whether they intend to subcontract and if so, for what proportion of the contract.

Quality Management Procedures

1. The bidder must hold a UKAS (or equivalent) accredited independent third party certificate of compliance in accordance with BS EN ISO 9001 (or equivalent).

OR

2. The bidder must have the following:

A documented policy regarding quality management. The policy must set out the responsibilities for quality management demonstrating that the bidder has and continues to implement a quality management policy that is authorised by their Chief Executive, or equivalent, and is periodically reviewed at a senior management level. The policy must be relevant to the nature and scale of the work to be undertaken and set out responsibilities for quality management throughout the organisation.

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

Date

9 January 2026

Local time

12:00pm

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

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

9 January 2026

Local time

12:00pm

Place

Aberdeen

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: July 2030.

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

SPD will be scored on a pass/fail basis.

Question scoring methodology for Award Criteria outlined in Invitation to Tender.

0 - Unacceptable. Nil or inadequate response. Fails to demonstrate an ability to meet the requirement.

1 - Poor. Response is partially relevant but generally poor. The response addresses some elements of the requirement but contains insufficient/limited detail or explanation to demonstrate how the requirement will be fulfilled.

2 - Acceptable. Response is relevant and acceptable. The response addresses a broad understanding of the requirement but may lack details on how the requirement will be fulfilled in certain areas.

3 - Good. Response is relevant and good. The response is sufficiently detailed to demonstrate a good understanding and provides details on how the requirements will be fulfilled.

4 - Excellent. Response is completely relevant and excellent overall. The response is comprehensive, unambiguous and demonstrates a thorough understanding of the requirement and provides details of how the requirement will be met in full.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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