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Tender

Secure Care Services

Scotland Excel

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKM83 - Inverclyde, East Renfrewshire and Renfrewshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.scotland-excel.org.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10383

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Secure Care Services

Reference number

1822

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Negotiated procedure for the provision of Secure Care (secure accommodation) Services. See II.2.4 (below) for a description of the procurement. To provide these Services in Scotland in accordance with the Law, providers must hold specific authorisations or memberships. For further details of the required authorisations or memberships, see III.2) Conditions related to the contract.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This exercise relates to the use of the negotiated procedure with identified providers of secure accommodation for children and young people in Scotland who hold the necessary authorisations or memberships required in Law (as detailed in III.2). Notwithstanding that Regulation 75(2) of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (the “Regulations”) applies to this exercise, Scotland Excel has elected, voluntarily, to place this notice for reasons of transparency. The negotiated procedure has been developed in accordance with Regulation 76(8) of the Regulations.

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £250,400,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement

Duration in months

60

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.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation

List and brief description of rules and criteria

Providers must not be excluded from participation based upon a mandatory exclusion referred to in the Regulations 58(1) and (3).

Participation is reserved to a particular profession as set out in III.2.1.

Requirements apply to staff responsible for performance as set out in III.2.2

Suitable insurances require to be held for the Services as detailed in the conditions of contract.

Providers will demonstrate to Scotland Excel’s satisfaction that they possess the necessary economic and financial capacity to perform the contract.

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.1) Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision

Authorisations and registrations are required as follows:

? Approval by Scottish Ministers under the Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (Requirements for Care Services) Regulations 2011 for accommodations to be provided for the sole purpose of restricting the liberty of children in residential premises where care services are provided.

? Registration in accordance with the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, as amended, with the Registrar of Independent Schools.

? Registration with the Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (“Care Inspectorate”) as the provider of a secure accommodation service under the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010.

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

Full details of the performance conditions are set out in the contract conditions.

Staff performing the contract must be registered with the relevant regulatory bodies in Scotland governing their profession and vetted in accordance with the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Procedure involving negotiation

IV.1.10) Identification of the national rules applicable to the procedure

Information about national procedures is available at: <https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/>

IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure

This is a negotiated procedure with identified providers. Scotland Excel may negotiate any element or may award in part or in whole, or not make any award.

A price-quality ratio of 40% Price – 60% Quality will be applied to the services offered.

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

2 February 2026

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

This Contract Notice is being issued for transparency and not as a call for competition.

A negotiated procedure will be entered into with the identified providers of this Service to award separate and distinct contracts in accordance with Regulations 33 and 74-76 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

The Duration at II.2.7 is a maximum period applicable to each contract and is proposed to comprise: an initial period of 36 months with options to extend for up to a further 24 months in increments to be determined by Scotland Excel and agreed by the Provider.

The exercise of any extension option will be at Scotland Excel's discretion and will take account of emerging policy requirements and commercial considerations.

Further information is available from: socialcare@scotland-excel.org.uk

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

The Contracting Authority does not intend to include any community benefit requirements in this contract for the following reason:

The nature and scope of the services do not require the inclusion of community benefits.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Court of Session

Parliament Square

Edinburgh

EH1 1RQ

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: An economic operator that suffers, or risks suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/446) (as amended) may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.