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Contract

## **SFC Research and Evaluation Services Framework**

Scottish Funding Council

F03: Contract award notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00381](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00381)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

SFC Research and Evaluation Services Framework

Reference number

SFC 25-26 002 Q1

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 73110000 - Research services

### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

### **II.1.4) Short description**

We are seeking to establish a framework of suppliers with the experience, skills, and capacity to deliver evaluation services (including both quantitative and qualitative analysis), and effectively report on findings and recommendations.

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £1,200,000

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Large Scale Research and Evaluation Projects

Lot No

1

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

- 73110000 - Research services
- 79311400 - Economic research services
- 79315000 - Social research services
- 79419000 - Evaluation consultancy services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

Large Research and Evaluation Projects. Including but not limited to, designing and

implementing multi-year evaluations, developing an evaluation framework for large, long-term programmes.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Operation & Management of the Framework Agreement /  
Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Responsible Procurement / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Service Delivery / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 40

### **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Medium Scale Research and Evaluation Projects

Lot No

2

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

- 73110000 - Research services
- 79311400 - Economic research services
- 79315000 - Social research services
- 79419000 - Evaluation consultancy services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

Projects may include but are not limited to, Mixed methods evaluations of SFC investments including document analysis, surveys, focus groups and interviews, lasting 6-12 months. Value for money or cost benefit analysis projects. Targeted stakeholder surveys

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Operation & Management of the Framework Agreement / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Responsible Procurement / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Service Delivery / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 40

#### **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Small Scale Research and Evaluation Projects

Lot No

3

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

- 73110000 - Research services
- 79311400 - Economic research services

- 79315000 - Social research services
- 79419000 - Evaluation consultancy services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

Typical projects include but are not limited to, Desk-based work such as conducting literature reviews, synthesising and analysing evidence. Conducting focus groups and analysing and reporting on findings. Conducting one to one interviews and analysing and reporting on findings.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Operation & Management of the Framework Agreement /  
Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Responsible Procurement / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Service Delivery / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 40

### **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.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

#### **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: [2025/S 000-038062](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

Large Scale Research and Evaluation Projects

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

27 October 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 21

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 20

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: 21

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

The Lines Between Ltd.

3 Piershill Place

Edinburgh

EH8 7EH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Ekos Ltd

St Georges Studios 93-97 St Georges Road

Glasgow

G3 6JA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Pye Tait Ltd (trading as Pye Tait Consulting)

5 Merus Court, Meridian Business Park

Leicester

LE19 1RJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF21 - Leicester

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Rocket Science UK Ltd

22 Stafford Street

Edinburgh

EH3 7BD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

IFF Research Ltd.

5th Floor St Magnus House, 3 Lower Thames Street

London

EC3R 6HD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI31 - Camden and City of London

The contractor is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Additional Research

4 Wellshot Drive, Cambuslang

Glasgow

G72 8BS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM95 - South Lanarkshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £400,000

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

Medium Scale Research and Evaluation Projects

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

27 October 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 36

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 35

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: 35

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

The Lines Between Ltd.

3 Piershill Place

Edinburgh

EH8 7EH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Ekos Ltd

St Georges Studios 93-97 St Georges Road

Glasgow

G3 6JA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Pye Tait Ltd (trading as Pye Tait Consulting)

5 Merus Court, Meridian Business Park

Leicester

LE19 1RJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF21 - Leicester

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Rocket Science UK Ltd

22 Stafford Street

Edinburgh

EH3 7BD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

CIVIC

12 South Charlotte Street

Edinburgh

EH2 4AX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

R Denny Consulting Limited

24 Sawyers Close

Winchester

SO22 5JX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ36 - Central Hampshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £400,000

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Lot No**

3

### **Title**

Small Scale Research and Evaluation Projects

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

27 October 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 34

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 33

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: 34

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Rocket Science UK Ltd

22 Stafford Street

Edinburgh

EH3 7BD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

IFF Research Ltd.

5th Floor St Magnus House, 3 Lower Thames Street

London

EC3R 6HD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI31 - Camden and City of London

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

R Denny Consulting Limited

24 Sawyers Close

Winchester

SO22 5JX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ36 - Central Hampshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

ANT Consulting

20A Ferryhill Place

Aberdeen

AB11 7SE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Trueman Change Management

The Innovation Centre, Evolution Park

Blackburn

BB1 2FD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD41 - Blackburn with Darwen

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Alba Partners Limited

Alba Partners Limited, 86-90 Paul Street

London

EC2A 4NE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £400,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

(SC Ref:818466)

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

Sherrif Court House, 27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom