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Tender

IT and General Audit Services

Scottish Enterprise
Highlands and Islands Enterprise
South of Scotland Enterprise Agency
Skills Development Scotland Ltd
Scottish Funding Council
Clyde Gateway URC

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKM82 - Glasgow City

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Main address

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00398

I.1) Name and addresses

Highlands and Islands Enterprise

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Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

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Main address

<http://www.hie.co.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00313

I.1) Name and addresses

South of Scotland Enterprise Agency

Carmont House, The Crichton, Bankend Road

Dumfries

DG1 4TA

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Finance@sose.scot

Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.southofscotlandenterprise.com>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA30448

I.1) Name and addresses

Skills Development Scotland Ltd

Monteith House, 11 George Square

Glasgow

G2 1DY

Email

Procurement@sds.co.uk

Telephone

+44 1698688824

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA12862

I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Funding Council

Apex 2, 97 Haymarket Terrace

Edinburgh

EH12 5HD

Email

procurements@sfc.ac.uk

Telephone

+44 1313136500

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.sfc.ac.uk/>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00381

I.1) Name and addresses

Clyde Gateway URC

Olympia, 2nd Floor, 14 Orr Street

Glasgow

G40 2AJ

Email

enquiries@clydegateway.com

Telephone

+44 1412761573

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+44 1412761578

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM82 - Glasgow City

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.clydegateway.com>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11703

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

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

IT and General Audit Services

Reference number

P26-0052

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79212000 - Auditing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Scottish Enterprise (SE) are looking to put in place a new framework for the provision of a shared internal audit service to cover IT and digital requirements. A limited amount of non-IT audit activity supporting the existing internal resource may also be required through this framework (including for example forensic accounting, assurance audit reviews and investigatory audit reviews).

The framework is expected to commence on 1 April 2026

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £495,000

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
- 79212100 - Financial auditing services

- 79212300 - Statutory audit services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Scottish Enterprise (SE) are looking to put in place a new framework for the provision of a shared internal audit service to cover IT and digital requirements. A limited amount of non-IT audit activity supporting the existing internal resource may also be required through this framework (including for example forensic accounting, assurance audit reviews and investigatory audit reviews).

SE's Digital and IT services are delivered through a combination of internal resource and through a shared service delivery model provided by Enterprise IS (EIS). The shared service is delivered across four organisations – SE, Skills Development Scotland, Highlands and Islands Enterprise and South of Scotland Enterprise with Scottish enterprise as the lead procurement partner.

One additional partner, Scottish Funding Council, will have access to the services delivered via the framework via a call-off mechanism should they require to do so.

The framework is anticipated to commence on 1 April 2026 for an initial term of three years, with the option to extend for a further year.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Prompt Payment / Weighting: Pass/fail

Quality criterion - Name: Relevant skills/capabilities/previous experience of proposed resource / Weighting: 35%

Quality criterion - Name: Project Team Structure (including roles and responsibilities) / Weighting: 15%

Quality criterion - Name: IT Audit Plan Development and Implementation / Weighting: 10%

Quality criterion - Name: Business Continuity / Weighting: 10%

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

Quality criterion - Name: Methodology including Innovation / Weighting: 20%

Price - Weighting: 40

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £495,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The framework is anticipated to commence on 1 April 2026 for an initial term of three years, with an estimated value in the region of GBP350,000 to GBP375,000 (excluding VAT).

Following this period, SE reserves the right to extend the framework for a further one-year term, with an additional estimated value of GBP84,000 to GBP120,000 (excluding VAT).

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 module.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

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

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

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

Bidders are required to be members of ICAS or equivalent.

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

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

29 January 2026

Local time

11:00am

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

29 January 2026

Local time

11:00am

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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.]

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=818237.

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=818237

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

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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.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

In the first instance, contact the Head of Facilities Management and Procurement at Scottish Enterprise, with any concerns or enquiries. Email: <https://www.scottish-enterprise.com/help/contact-us>.

An economic operator that suffers, or risks suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, may bring proceedings that will be started in the High Court.

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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Glasgow

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