

United Kingdom-Edinburgh: Pension fund administration services
OJ S 233/2018 04/12/2018
Contract award notice
Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: The City of Edinburgh Council

Postal address: Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street

Town: Edinburgh

NUTS code: UKM75 Edinburgh, City of

Postal code: EH8 8BG

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: brian.mccreadie@edinburgh.gov.uk

Telephone: +44 1315292160

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Main address: <http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk>

Address of the buyer profile: http://www.publiccontractscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00290

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Falkirk Council

Postal address: Municipal Buildings, West Bridge Street

Town: Falkirk

NUTS code: UKM76 Falkirk

Postal code: FK1 5RS

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: pcu@falkirk.gov.uk

Telephone: +44 1324506566

Internet address(es):

Main address: <http://www.falkirk.gov.uk>

Address of the buyer profile: https://www.publiccontractscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00184

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Fife Council

Postal address: Fife House, North Street

Town: Glenrothes

NUTS code: UKM72 Clackmannanshire and Fife

Postal code: KY7 5LT

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: enquiry.procurement@fife.gov.uk

Telephone: +44 3451550000

Internet address(es):

Main address: <http://www.fifedirect.org.uk>

Address of the buyer profile: https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00187

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Scottish Borders Council

Postal address: Council Headquarters

Town: Newtown St Boswells

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: TD6 0SA

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: procurement@scotborders.gov.uk

Telephone: +44 1835824000

Fax: +44 1835825150

Internet address(es):

Main address: <http://www.scotborders.gov.uk>

Address of the buyer profile: https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00394

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Shetland Islands Council

Postal address: Town Hall, Hillhead

Town: Lerwick

NUTS code: UKM66 Shetland Islands

Postal code: ZE1 0HB

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: contract.admin@shetland.gov.uk

Telephone: +44 1595744595

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Internet address(es):

Main address: <http://www.shetland.gov.uk>

Address of the buyer profile: https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00402

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Dundee City Council

Postal address: Dundee House, 50 North Lindsay Street

Town: Dundee

NUTS code: UKM71 Angus and Dundee City

Postal code: DD1 1NZ

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: eprocurement@dundeecity.gov.uk

Telephone: +44 1382434000

Fax: +44 1382433045

Internet address(es):

Main address: www.dundeecity.gov.uk

Address of the buyer profile: https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00220

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Strathclyde Pension Fund

Postal address: c/o Glasgow City Council, 6th Floor, Capella Building, 60 York Street

Town: Glasgow
NUTS code: UKM Scotland
Postal code: G2 8JX
Country: United Kingdom
E-mail: linda.welsh@glasgow.gov.uk
Telephone: +44 1412875186

Internet address(es):

Main address: <http://www.spfo.org.uk/>
Address of the buyer profile: https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA19122

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: The Highland Council
Postal address: Council Headquarters, Glenurquhart Road
Town: Inverness
NUTS code: UKM62 Inverness & Nairn and Moray, Badenoch & Strathspey
Postal code: IV3 5BX
Country: United Kingdom
E-mail: charlie.maccallum@highland.gcsx.gov.uk
Telephone: +44 1349886606

Internet address(es):

Main address: <http://www.highland.gov.uk/>
Address of the buyer profile: https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00045

I.2. Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

I.4. Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5. Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement

II.1.1. Title

Integrated Pension Administration and Payroll Software System
Reference number: CT0400

II.1.2. Main CPV code

66523100 Pension fund administration services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

In order to administer the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) in Scotland, LPF requires an integrated pension administration and payroll software system to provide benefit

entitlement calculations and payments in compliance with relevant LGPS Regulations. The Statement of Requirements document provides a detailed description, including technical requirements, of the proposed service.

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.7. Total value of the procurement

Value excluding VAT: 2 947 429,60 GBP

II.2. Description

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

66523100 Pension fund administration services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UKM Scotland

Main site or place of performance: Scotland.

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

The City of Edinburgh Council (The Council) is the administering authority of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) in Scotland for the Lothian area. Lothian Pension Fund (LPF), which is not a separate legal entity from the Council, carries out the specialist activities of investing the assets (approximately 6 000 000 000 GBP) and administering the benefits of 3 funds — Lothian Pension Fund, Lothian Buses, Pension Fund and Scottish Homes Pension Fund — on behalf of over 100 contributing employers and over 80 000 members. Where stated “LPF” this refers to all the three funds.

In order to administer the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) in Scotland, LPF requires an integrated pension administration and payroll software system to provide benefit entitlement calculations and payments in compliance with relevant LGPS Regulations. The proposed contract is primarily intended for use by The City of Edinburgh Council, in its role as administering authority of the Local Government Pensions Scheme (LGPS) in Scotland for the Lothian region. However, bidders should note that The City of Edinburgh Council took the decision to offer all other Scottish LGPS's the opportunity to make use of the proposed service at some point in the future when their current arrangements expire. The following other LGPS pension funds have indicated that they may wish to enter into an agreement with the successful supplier when their current arrangements end:

- Falkirk Council Pension Fund,
- Fife Council Pension Fund,
- Highlands Pension Fund,
- Scottish Borders Council Pension Fund,
- Shetland Islands Council Pension Fund,
- Strathclyde Pension Fund,
- Tayside Pension Fund.

Bidders should note that, although the LGPS's named above have indicated an interest in possibly entering into similar agreements with the successful Contractor for delivery of the service when their current arrangements expire, they are under no obligation to do so.

Similarly, in the event that, for any reason, the Contractor does not wish to participate in such an arrangement, they will retain a ‘Right of Refusal’ to enter into any such contract with any other Scottish LGPS.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

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

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

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 in the OJ S: [2017/S 177-362588](#)

IV.2.8. Information about termination of dynamic purchasing system

IV.2.9. Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

Section V: Award of contract

Contract No: CT0400

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2. Award of contract

V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

28/11/2018

V.2.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

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: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no

V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: Aquila Heywood

Postal address: Hamilton House, Church Street
Town: Altrincham
NUTS code: UK United Kingdom
Postal code: WA14 4DR
Country: United Kingdom
Telephone: +44 1616134392
The contractor is an SME: yes

V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot

Total value of the contract/lot: 2 947 429,60 GBP

V.2.5. Information about subcontracting

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3. Additional information

Tenderers may wish to note that when submitting their pricing proposals they will be required to identify and include specific details of LPF's "in house" staff resources (by job role and man hours involved for each) which they anticipate LPF will require in order to conduct all necessary UAT of their proposed system solution. These UAT staff resourcing costs will be included as part of the bidder's overall pricing proposal when evaluating the pricing schedules submitted by bidders. Any prospective bidders who may have any concerns regarding the Council's proposed approach to this procurement exercise are advised to submit clear and comprehensive details of their concerns, in writing, to the Council via the Question and Answer facility on the PCS web portal within 30 days of the publication of this Tender Notice. (SC Ref:566158)

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: The City of Edinburgh Council
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Postal code: EH8 8BG
Country: United Kingdom
Telephone: +44 1314693922
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VI.4.3. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

A tenderer that suffers loss as a result of a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session. The City of Edinburgh Council (the Council) will have a minimum standstill period of 10 days before awarding the contract. The communication of the award decision notice will be sent by fax or e-mail to all tenderers with the standstill period commencing on the next day. If proceedings are started in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session against the Council in respect of the decision to award the contract within the standstill period then the Council is prevented from awarding the contract. Post contract award the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session may:

1) award damages provided proceedings are brought within 3 months from the date when the grounds for the bringing of the proceedings first arose;

2) be entitled to issue an ineffectiveness order or impose a financial penalty on the Council. A claim for an ineffectiveness order must be made within 30 days of the Contract Award Notice being published in the OJEU or within 30 days of the date those who expressed an interest in or otherwise bid for the contract were informed of the conclusion of the contract or in any other case within 6 months from the date on which the contract was entered into.

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

30/11/2018