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Tender

## **Collaborative partner to establish and co-deliver Birmingham's Regional Adoption Agency**

Birmingham City Council on behalf of Birmingham Childrens Trust

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-028839

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

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

Birmingham City Council on behalf of Birmingham Childrens Trust

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Birmingham

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[www.finditinbirmingham.com](http://www.finditinbirmingham.com)

Buyer's address

[www.in-tendhost.co.uk/birminghamcc](http://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/birminghamcc)

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

[www.in-tendhost.co.uk/birminghamcc](http://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/birminghamcc)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[www.in-tendhost.co.uk/birminghamcc](http://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/birminghamcc)

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

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Collaborative partner to establish and co-deliver Birmingham's Regional Adoption Agency

Reference number

P0692

#### **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**

Birmingham Children's Trust is seeking a collaborative partner from an existing Voluntary Adoption Agency (VAA) to help it deliver the government's expectations to establish an RAA. The partner will work with the Trust to design a modern, forward thinking and well-functioning RAA, led by a vision and commitment to excellent practice, innovative approaches to achieve improvements and value for money, drawing upon the expertise of both partners. The Trust wishes to establish a Regional Adoption Agency (RAA) for the provision of matching and placing children with adopters and conducts this light touch regime (LTR) procurement in accordance with Chapter 3, section 7 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR 2015) in relation to Social and Other Specific Services. The duration of the Contract will be five years from contract award with an option to extend up to March 2028. The Contract will be awarded to a single provider.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £32,500,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

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

NUTS codes

- UKG - WEST MIDLANDS (ENGLAND)

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

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for a further 18 months subject to satisfactory performance and funds.

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## **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

Detailed in the tender documentation.

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Competitive dialogue

#### **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

19 February 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

The Council will be using its free to use e-tendering system (in-tend) for the administration of this procurement process and potential suppliers must register with the system to be able to express an interest. If you wish to express an interest in this opportunity please click on the following link to access <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/birminghamcc/> and submit your details to register. You will then be sent details on how to log on which will enable you to download all relevant selection questionnaire documentation.

If you are unable to register with In-tend or have any questions or problems on how to use this web site please either email us at: [cps@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:cps@birmingham.gov.uk) or call CPS Helpdesk on 0121 464 8000.

Your completed selection questionnaire submission should be returned by noon on 19th February 2021 via the 'in-tend' system <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/birminghamcc>

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

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

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