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Tender

The Provision of Advocacy and an Independent Visitor Scheme for Children and Young People 2024

Dorset Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03e4e0

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk/>

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

The Provision of Advocacy and an Independent Visitor Scheme for Children and Young People 2024

Reference number

DN680785

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Council is seeking a suitable Provider to provide Advocacy and Independent Visitor (IV) services.

As Dorset Council has a statutory duty to provide an independent advocacy service that supports children and young people to have their views and wishes taken into account when key decisions are being made about their lives. The Council also has a statutory duty to provide an independent visitor (IV) service for looked after children if they believe that it would be in the child's best interest to have one.

It is anticipated that the contract will commence on the 1 August 2024 for an initial contract period of 3 years, with the options to extend annually for a further 3 years (3+1+1+1). Therefore, if all available extensions were taken the total contract period would be 6 years.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,152,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85300000 - Social work and related services
- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK25 - Dorset

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Service Provision / Weighting: 40

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Presentation / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 50

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,152,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

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II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

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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.1.8) 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: [2023/S 000-021347](#)

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

Date

9 February 2024

Local time

2:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

9 February 2024

Local time

2:10pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Dorset Council - Monitoring Officer

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Dorchester

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United Kingdom