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## **Care at Home & Housing Support Service Flexible Framework Agreement**

East Ayrshire Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract 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=AA00223](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00223)

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/esop/pts-host/public/pts/web/login.html>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/esop/pts-host/public/pts/web/login.html>

**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**

Care at Home & Housing Support Service Flexible Framework Agreement

Reference number

PS/23/129

### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85310000 - Social work services

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

Services

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

East Ayrshire Council, on behalf of its service delivery organisation known as the East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership requires to establish a Framework Agreement to provide Care at Home and Housing Support services across East Ayrshire for the purpose of 'Option 3' within The Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2013, ie the Individual chooses for the Council to select the appropriate support and arrange it for the Individual.

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

## **II.2) Description**

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

Lot 1 - Geographical Areas with Block Hours

Lot No

1

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

- 85310000 - Social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

Main site or place of performance

East Ayrshire

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

Care at home and housing support encompasses personal and community support including practical and personal care and support which enables individuals to do things for themselves, rather than doing things to or doing things for individuals.

Lot 1 of the Framework will be split into 8 block areas with 2 guaranteed block contracts in each within East Ayrshire and Service Providers will be able to apply for one or more areas, but will not be eligible for 2 block contracts within a single area (refer to the Framework Description/Specification for details).

The Framework will be flexible to allow new entrants to join Lot 1 on an as required basis (refer to Operation of Framework section within the ITT documents).

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Duration in months

60

#### **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**

Option to extend for a further 3 x one-year

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

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

Lot 2 - Ad Hoc Call Off Services

Lot No

2

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

- 85310000 - Social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

Main site or place of performance

East Ayrshire

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

Care at home and housing support encompasses personal and community support including practical and personal care and support which enables individuals to do things for themselves, rather than doing things to or doing things for individuals.

Lot 2 of the Framework will be for ad hoc call off services as and when required which will be smaller total volume care packages which are out with the block contracts of Lot 1. However Service Providers within Lot 2 will have the opportunity to apply for a geographical block area in Lot 1 should a new Service Provider be required for a specific block area; in these circumstances a mini tender would be carried between all the existing Service Providers within Lot 2. It should be noted that the Council does not guarantee any level of service within Lot 2 or that there will be an opportunity to be included in Lot 1.

The Framework will be flexible to allow new entrants to join Lot 2 annually.

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Duration in months

60

### **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**

Option to extend for a further 3 x one-year

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation**

List and brief description of rules and criteria

Refer to ITT documents

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

Refer to ITT documents

#### **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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

The service is a “social and other specific” service under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 and therefore not subject to the full requirements of the regulations. A flexible framework will be for a period of 5 years with extension options open for new applicants to join.

#### **IV.1.10) Identification of the national rules applicable to the procedure**

Information about national procedures is available at:

<https://www.gov.scot/Topics/Government/Procurement/policy/ProcurementReform/implementationEUDirProcRef>

#### **IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure**

Refer to evaluation methodology within ITT documents

#### **IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Date

13 February 2024

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.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

It should be noted that the deadline for expressions of interest is 12 noon on 10 February and the deadline for actual submission of tender is 12 noon on 13 February 2024.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 25866. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

The Contracting Authority does not intend to include a sub-contract clause as part of community benefits (as per Section 25 of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014) in this contract for the following reason:

Due to the nature of the service, sub-contract clause not appropriate

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:  
<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

Refer to ITT documents

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

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

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