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Contract

Care and Support services - Short Breaks (Children)

Stirling Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM77 - Perth & Kinross and Stirling

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.stirling.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00146

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Care and Support services - Short Breaks (Children)

Reference number

SC2122-0090

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85312120 - Daycare services for disabled children and young people

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This contract is concerned with the provision of care and support services in relation to children with disabilities. Examples of such services include, but are not limited to:

- Care at Home (inc. support for Complex Care);
- Assisted Breaks; and
- Emergency support in the home.

Services will predominantly be provided on a 1 to 1 basis and, with the exception of assisted breaks, be delivered in the home of the supported child/ young person. Assisted breaks will offer alternatives to a dedicated residential short break facility (for example, by supporting a young person to have a break in a hotel or holiday cottage).

Providers will be able to provide services throughout the Stirling Council area for children aged between 0 and 18 years, with the majority being of school age, and beyond if required.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £1,563,983

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85312000 - Social work services without accommodation
- 85312400 - Welfare services not delivered through residential institutions

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM77 - Perth & Kinross and Stirling

Main site or place of performance

Stirling Council area.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This procurement will establish a flexible framework of providers, delivering care and support type services, for children with disabilities, throughout the Stirling Council area.

Care and support services will typically be for children and young people with more complex needs. Examples of such services include, but are not limited to:

- Care at Home (inc. support for Complex Care);
- Assisted Breaks;
- Emergency support in the home; or
- Other supports which meet our criteria and Service Specification.

Social Inclusion type services (including Specialist Play Schemes/ Befriending schemes/ Peer support groups etc) and Residential Short Breaks, for children with disabilities, are being procured separately and are not covered by this framework agreement.

Providers will be able to provide services throughout the Stirling Council area for children aged between 0 and 18 years, with the majority being of school age, and beyond if required.

Services will predominantly be provided on a 1 to 1 basis and, with the exception of assisted breaks, be delivered in the home of the supported child/ young person. Assisted breaks will offer alternatives to a dedicated residential short break facility (for example, by supporting a young person to have a break in a hotel or holiday cottage).

Through the creation of this framework, the Council aims to develop formal Purchaser/ Supplier relationships with local organisations who can provide care and support services for children and young people. This will promote choice in the type of providers and services available to children and young people and increase overall service capacity, underpinning the Self-Directed Support (Scotland) Act 2014.

All providers of a care and support service should be suitably registered with the Care Inspectorate. All staff or volunteers involved in the delivery of a service through the framework should have the appropriate PVG membership for working with children and young people in place.

Prospective providers are invited to download the documents associated to this Notice for further information on the application process and criteria for participation.

Those expressing an interest and satisfactorily passing Single Procurement Document

(SPD) checks will be sent an application pack. This will include: an application form which allows a provider to detail the services they propose to offer; the terms and conditions of business; the full Service Specification; and Pricing Schedule documents.

The framework value is estimated, based on current demand and budget availability. This may increase, beyond the initial estimated value, in the event of growth in service demand and associated budget.

The framework will be established for a period of approx. 4 years and 8 months. The decision to reopen the framework to admit the application of new providers is at the discretion of Stirling Council. This is anticipated to be annually, or as need arises. The same selection criteria will be used at each opening of the framework to ensure fairness, transparency and equal treatment in the process.

Providers must pass all of the required selection criteria in order to be awarded to the framework agreement. There will be no restriction placed on the number of providers participating on the framework.

Participation on the framework does not guarantee future business between the Council and a Provider. However, it does mean that the Council has the means from which to buy services from a provider, should they be required.

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.

This procedure utilises the 'light-touch' provisions described in regulations 74-76 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

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

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

Information about national procedures is available at:

<https://www.procurementjourney.scot/>

IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure

Consideration of the following criteria:

- Any grounds for mandatory exclusions;
- Due diligence checks;
- Specification: the ability to fulfil the requirements of the specification;
- Best Value: arrangements will represent an appropriate balance between quality and cost; and
- Legal: Acceptance of Stirling Council terms & conditions of business.

These will be considered through the evaluation of information submitted as part of an application process.

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2021/S 000-018852](#)

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 December 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 5

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

ENABLE Scotland

INSPIRE House, 3 Renshaw Place, Eurocentral

Lanarkshire

ML1 4UF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Flexible Childcare Services Scotland

2 York Place

Edinburgh

EH1 3EP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Special Stars Homecare Ltd

1 MacGregor Place, Kinnaird Village

Larbert

FK2 8RJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM76 - Falkirk

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

PLUS (Forth Valley) Ltd

Broadleys Rd, Springkerse Ind Est

Stirling

FK7 7ST

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM77 - Perth & Kinross and Stirling

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

LOVE Group

Unit 2, Candymill Lane

Hamilton

ML3 0FD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,563,983

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This is a Flexible Framework and will open up to new applicants throughout its duration.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Stirling Sheriff Court

Stirling

Country

United Kingdom