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## **KCC Non-Maintained and Independent Special Schools (NMISS) Placement Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) - SC21032**

Kent County Council

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

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

Kent County Council

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Maidstone

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#### **Contact**

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#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKJ4 - Kent

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=321e5f6f-ee63-ec11-8110-005056b64545>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=321e5f6f-ee63-ec11-8110-005056b64545>

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

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

KCC Non-Maintained and Independent Special Schools (NMISS) Placement Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) - SC21032

Reference number

DN585611

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

A Dynamic Purchasing System for KCC to make placements for Children and Young People (CYP) with Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plans in the Non-Maintained and Independent Special Schools (NMISS) market (including independent schools).

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 1

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

If a tenderer applies for Lot 2 and is unsuccessful they may be automatically admitted to Lot 1.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Lot No

1

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The NMISS DPS shall be split into two lots, Lot 1 and Lot 2. The lots establish different responsibilities and requirements.

Lot 1 shall remain similar to the current arrangements for placements with placements made individually but under an overarching agreement to standardise terms and standards across placements to ensure quality and equity for CYP. To be offered a contract in Lot 1, tenderers shall be required to achieve a quality score 30 out of 100 and no less than 3 in award questions 11-16 (see ITT Appendix A – KCC Selection Award Criteria and Guidance for more detail on scoring).

Lot 2 represents an opportunity for tenderers to work more closely with The Authority in the strategic planning of placements in a transparent, open manner, including the opportunity for block contracting of placements. Tenderers successful in joining Lot 2 shall be consulted on potential placements first. To be offered a contract in Lot 2, tenderers shall be required to achieve a quality score 60 out of 100 and no less than 6 in award questions 11-16 (see ITT Appendix A – KCC Selection Award Criteria and Guidance for more detail on scoring).

Please see the DPS Admission Agreement, Call-Off Terms and Conditions and their respective Schedules for further details of the responsibilities and requirements for each lot.

For both lots, Tenderers will be asked to identify the location(s) of their provision and the need type(s) which apply to their bid in the ITT Schedule 2 – Tender Questionnaire to enable placements to be made effectively, for further details on the placement process please see the DPS Admission Agreement.

Tenderers are required to specify which lot they are bidding for in the Tender Questionnaire. If a tenderer who bids for Lot 2 is unsuccessful in meeting the criteria for

Lot 2, they shall automatically be considered for Lot 1.

Providers admitted to Lot 1 may later apply to be admitted to Lot 2 by re-submitting a Tender once the DPS is live with updated information in order to meet the requirements for admission to Lot 2.

For further information on the future cohorts/rounds please visit the Kent Business Portal (<https://www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk/>) from 1st September 2022.

#### **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**

Start date

1 September 2022

End date

31 August 2028

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: 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**

This DPS is being run under the Light Touch Regime, Chapter 3, regulations 73-76 of PCR 2015, please see the tender documents for further information.

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

The Initial Term of the DPS is 36 months starting on 01/09/2022 with the option to extend until 31/08/2028.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Lot No

2

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

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- UK - United Kingdom

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Competitive procedure with negotiation

#### IV.1.5) Information about negotiation

The contracting authority reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without conducting negotiations

#### 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

31 August 2028

Local time

11:55pm

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

English

#### IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

Potential tenderers will be able to view all of the tender documents by registering on the Kent Business Portal, here: <https://www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk/>. Bidders can apply to join the DPS in the initial round opening on 17/1/22 and closing at 12:00 (noon) on 4/3/22 or at any time when the DPS is live from 1/9/2022 and can continue to do so throughout the duration of the DPS.

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

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

Kent County Council

County Hall

Maidstone

ME14 1XQ

Country

United Kingdom