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Opportunity

HCC - 01/21 - Provision of Community Opportunity Services

Hertfordshire County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Strategic Procurement Group

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk

Buyer's address

www.supplyhertfordshire.uk

I.3) Communication

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

<http://www.supplyhertfordshire.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<http://www.supplyhertfordshire.uk>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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

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Reference number

HCC2012603

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Hertfordshire County Council (the 'Council') is currently out to procurement for the provision of Community Opportunities Services. Further information in regards to this opportunity can be found in II.2.4) Description of the procurement. Organisations wishing to take part in this project are invited to "express interest" which will give access to the full procurement documents in the e-tendering system. Please see VI.3) Additional information for further information. Any questions relating to this procurement must be made via the correspondence area in the e-Tendering system, in accordance with the procurement documents and can be addressed to the main contact as shown in the details above.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £32,400,000

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

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Hertfordshire County Council (the Council) is establishing a Framework Agreement for Community Opportunity services and is seeking bids from organisations who want to provide these services in future and who:

- Are committed to delivering enabling, risk positive, outcome-focused services
- Will work in a 'Connected Lives' way – helping people to connect to communities, other sources of support and technology and networks
- Consider how sharing hours can reduce the level of support a service user would otherwise have in a different setting, provided that it still meets the individual needs and preferences of each person
- Will proactively manage demand and deliver innovative approaches
- Are progressive and forward looking, wanting to develop services
- Will work in partnership with the Council, partners and community organisations
- Will commit to becoming a member of Herts Care Providers Association

The estimated total value of the Framework Agreement is stated in II.1.5) of this notice and is for the initial term inclusive of the approximate value for extensions, together with the Call-Off Contracts or Individual Orders and their possible durations. It is anticipated that the term of the Call-Off Contracts or Individual Orders awarded under this Framework Agreement could be up to six (6) years. For the avoidance of doubt, the estimated annual value of the Contract will be approximately 5,400,000m. The Framework Agreement will be awarded for an initial term of three (3) years, with the option to extend the Framework Agreement up to three (3) further years on a year by year basis. Please note that the contract requirements will be subject to available financial resources, supplier performance and flexibility to meet changing demands. There will be no form of exclusivity or volume that is guaranteed under the resultant Framework Agreement and the Council will be entitled to enter into other contracts and arrangements with other suppliers for the provision of any, or all, of the requirements which are the same as, or similar to those specified under the established Framework Agreement. Organisations should be aware that due to the nature of the Services provided, any Framework Agreement formed as a result of this procurement process shall be executed as a deed. Organisations should seek independent legal advice on the implications of this prior to submitting their bid, where appropriate. Although TUPE is not relevant to get on board the Framework Agreement, TUPE may apply to specific call-offs/orders that are made under the Framework. The call-off/order form will set out clearly if TUPE applies to that particular requirement. TUPE related information is personal data and must be protected in accordance with the requirements of Data Protection legislation and must also be kept confidential. Therefore, by accessing the call-offs/orders and then the View Details button and accessing the documentation for this procurement, Tenderers agree to undertake to treat the information as confidential and

commercially sensitive at all times and take all reasonable steps to prevent any inadvertent disclosure to any third party. The reason for not splitting this Framework into Lots is that there would be too many and as a result the call off process would be complex and time-consuming. The Framework will be set up so that providers can state clearly, under the following categories, the services they can provide: • districts where they offer services • building or land based / community based • care group – (learning and/or physical disability, Asperger's/autism, mental health, older adults) • service model – one or more of those listed in Appendix A

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £32,400,000

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

This Framework Agreement will be reviewed at the end of the Framework Agreement period.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Option to extend for a further three (3) years

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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 60

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

Based on Continuity of Care for Services Users, Provider Sustainability and Value for Money

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

23 April 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

23 April 2021

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

VI.3) Additional information

Please note Hertfordshire County Council has worked closely with its districts and partners to create a joint procurement portal called supply Hertfordshire. This portal provides an e-Tendering system which is run by In-Tend. To access this procurement opportunity please visit www.supplyhertfordshire.uk and follow the on-screen guidance. This is a one stage procurement process. Therefore, if you wish to be considered as a tenderer you must complete and submit a tender by the specified closing date and time. Tender submissions cannot be uploaded after this return deadline. If you are experiencing problems In-Tend offer a help section which includes a dedicated UK support desk which can be contacted via email: support@in-tend.com or Telephone: +44 1144070065 for any website/technical questions, Monday to Friday, 8:30-17:30. The Council reserves the right at any time to cease the procurement process and not award a Framework Agreement or to award only part of the opportunity described in this notice. If the Council takes up this right, then they will not be responsible for or pay the expenses or losses, which may be incurred by any organisation or tenderer as a result. The Council undertakes to hold confidential any information provided in the proposal submitted, subject to the Council's obligations under the law including the Freedom of Information Act 2000. If the organisation considers that any of the information submitted in the proposal should not be disclosed because of its sensitivity then this should be stated with the reason for considering it sensitive. The Council will then endeavour to consult with the applicant about such sensitive information when considering any request received under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 before replying to such a request. The Council reserves the right to carry out additional financial checks on all organisations bidding for this opportunity at any time during the procurement process. This is to ensure that they continue to meet the Council's requirements and remain financially viable to fulfil the requirements under the Framework Agreement. The services advertised in this notice fall under the services listed in Annex XIV to Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council and the contracting authority is not obliged to follow The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 in full. The procurement process that will apply to the services is specified in the procurement documents accordingly.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court,

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: The Contracting Authority will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day (when using electronic means) standstill period at the point information on the award of the Contract is communicated to tenderers. This period allows unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the decision to award a Contract before a contract is executed/signed (as appropriate). The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ('Regulations') provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Any such action must be brought promptly and within the time limits as defined in the above

regulations. Where a Contract has not been entered into the court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order the contracting authority to amend any document and may award damages. If the Contract has been entered into the court has the options to award damages and/or to shorten or order the Contract ineffective.

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Chief Legal Officer

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HERTFORD

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United Kingdom