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Contract

## **Fosterlink Service - Foster Carer Recruitment**

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03e1a1

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

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

Department for Education

St. Paul's Place

Sheffield

S1 2JF

#### **Email**

[bea.bell@education.gov.uk](mailto:bea.bell@education.gov.uk)

#### **Telephone**

+44 8700012345

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Fosterlink Service - Foster Carer Recruitment

Reference number

Con\_23378

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

- 85320000 - Social services

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

Services

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

The Department for Education has appointed a contractor for the provision of Fosterlink Service - Foster Carer Recruitment

#### **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: £571,621

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

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

- 79600000 - Recruitment services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UK

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

The Department for Education has appointed a contractor for the provision of Fosterlink Service. The successful contractor will be responsible for developing, co-ordination and managing Fosterlink a support service for Local Authority (LA) fostering service providers, which will offer in-depth diagnostic support specifically focused on their recruitment and approval practices, with the aim of providing bespoke recommendations for improvement, alongside building a strong evidence base on which to share good practice nationally.

The initial contract term will be 16 months. The contract is expected to commence on the 01 December 2023 and run until 31 March 2025. There will be an option to extend its term for an additional period of 12 months. The optional extension will be subject to supplier contract performance, the requirements of the Department, the outcomes of the upcoming Spending Review and the steers of the party in leadership following the General Election at the end of 2024.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Overall Experience / Weighting: 24

Quality criterion - Name: Delivery of Requirement ONE / Weighting: 28

Quality criterion - Name: Delivery of Requirement TWO / Weighting: 18

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value - Wellbeing / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 80

#### **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

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## **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 000-027699](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

Con\_23378

### **Lot No**

n/a

### **Title**

Fosterlink Service - Foster Carer Recruitment

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

1 January 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Mott Mott Macdonald Limited

Mott MacDonald House, 8 – 10 Sydenham Road, Croydon, CR0 2EE

Croydon

CR0 2EE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £571,621

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court of Justice

The Strand, London

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom