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Contract

Early Learning, Childcare and Brokerage Services

Dumfries and Galloway Council

F03: Contract award 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=AA00219

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

Early Learning, Childcare and Brokerage Services

Reference number

DGT/2019/925

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85312110 - Child daycare services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Early Learning & Childcare and Childcare Brokerage services are two key strands of statutory childcare services offered to parents and carers of children in Dumfries and Galloway.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

Value excluding VAT: £25,105,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Childcare Brokerage Service

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85312120 - Daycare services for disabled children and young people
- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people
- 80110000 - Pre-school education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM92 - Dumfries & Galloway

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Dumfries and Galloway Council Social Work Services provides support to enable vulnerable families to access affordable childcare in times of crisis or to be included in the child's plan to ensure that their needs are being met. The service is aimed at supporting children aged 2 and under or for young people up to 18 years old if they have Additional Support Needs and/or Disability.

The Childcare Brokerage model enables parents' and carers' to access childcare from any setting, commissioned by the Council - in the public, private or third sector, including from a childminder - who meets the applicable National Standards, has a place available and is willing to enter into a contract with the local authority. The National Standard, which underpins the approach, will provide parents and carers with the certainty that those settings delivering funded hours are offering high quality Brokerage provision. Quality is underpinned by the National Standard for Early Learning and Childcare Providers.

This service is being procured as a lot within a Flexible Framework under the Light Touch Rules contained within the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

Lot 3 of this Flexible Framework sets out the minimum standards required to deliver the childcare brokerage service.

All providers who apply and meet the applicable national ELC standards, legislation, the Council's procedural requirements as set out in the Invitation to Tender and accept the rates and contract terms set out by the Council shall be able to deliver funded provision through the Flexible Framework.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Following the initial 12 month duration, the Flexible Framework may be extended for a further 12 months.

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

Providers approved with a place on the Flexible Framework do not need to re-apply when the framework re-opens on an annual basis.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Early Learning and Childcare - Childminders

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85312110 - Child daycare services
- 80100000 - Primary education services
- 80110000 - Pre-school education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM92 - Dumfries & Galloway

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Council has a statutory duty to make pre-school education available for eligible children under the Standards in Scotland's Schools Act 2000. The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 and Statutory Guidance set out the increased entitlement to

600 hours, including the provision for eligible children and places a duty on the Council to offer increased flexibility to parents as to where and how their child can access their Early Learning and Childcare entitlement. Scottish Government has made a commitment to extend the entitlement to all eligible children to 1140 hours for Early Learning and Childcare by 2020/21 as set out in 'A Blueprint for 2020; Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare in Scotland' (2016).

The Funding Follows the Child approach places choice in parents' and carers' hands allowing them to access their child's funded entitlement, therefore the Council have set up a Flexible Framework for the provision of early learning and childcare services under the Light Touch Rules contained within the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015. Lot 2 of this Flexible Framework sets out the minimum standards required from the childminders setting.

All providers who apply and meet the national standards, legislation, the Council's procedural requirements as set out in the Invitation to Tender and accept the rates and contract terms set out by the Council shall be able to deliver funded provision through the Flexible Framework.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Following the initial 12 month duration, the Flexible Framework may be extended for a further 12 months.

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

Providers approved with a place on the Flexible Framework do not need to re-apply when the framework re-opens on an annual basis.

Further details of the ELC and national standards can be found here:
<https://www.gov.scot/policies/early-education-and-care/>

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Early Learning and Childcare - PVI Setting

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85312110 - Child daycare services
- 80110000 - Pre-school education services
- 80100000 - Primary education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM92 - Dumfries & Galloway

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Council has a statutory duty to make pre-school education available for eligible children under the Standards in Scotland's Schools Act 2000. The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 and Statutory Guidance set out the increased entitlement to 1140 hours for eligible children and places a duty on the Council to offer increased flexibility to parents as to where and how their child can access their Early Learning and Childcare entitlement. Scottish Government made a commitment to extend the entitlement to all eligible children to 1140 hours for Early Learning and Childcare by 2020/21 as set out in 'A Blueprint for 2020; Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare in Scotland' (2016).

The Funding Follows the Child approach places choice in parents' and carers' hands allowing them to access their child's funded entitlement, therefore the Council have set up a Flexible Framework for the provision of early learning and childcare services under the Light Touch Rules contained within the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015. Lot 1 of this Flexible Framework sets out the minimum standards required from the private, voluntary and independent setting.

All providers who apply and meet the national standards, legislation, the Council's procedural requirements as set out in the Invitation to Tender and accept the rates and contract terms set out by the Council shall be accepted to deliver funded provision through the flexible Framework.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Following the initial 12 month duration, the Flexible Framework may be extended for a further 12 months.

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

Providers approved with a place on the Flexible Framework do not need to re-apply when the framework re-opens on an annual basis. Further details of the ELC and national standards can be found here: <https://www.gov.scot/policies/early-education-and-care/>

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

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: [2020/S 180-435865](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

Early Learning and Childcare - Childminders

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

8 December 2020

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Wee Bairns Childminding

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Country

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Little Wren's Montessori Childcare

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Torthorwald

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Telephone

+44 506738667

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM92 - Dumfries & Galloway

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £21,105,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

3

Title

Childcare Brokerage Service

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

8 December 2020

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

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

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The contractor is an SME

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £21,105,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

Title

Early Learning and Childcare - PVI Setting

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

8 December 2020

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £21,105,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The award of a funded placement is dictated by parental choice therefore no work is guaranteed.

The Flexible Framework does not provide a guarantee of work. Community Benefits are not being made mandatory within the tender. Community Benefits have been encouraged in line with the nature and level of spend through the flexible framework. Delivery of community benefits shall be monitored in a proportionate manner through the life of the framework.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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