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Contract

ACCESS Communications & Engagement Service

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03f62b

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

The Castle

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United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ36 - Central Hampshire

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.hants.gov.uk

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

ACCESS Communications & Engagement Service

Reference number

EX22438

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79416000 - Public relations services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Hampshire County Council has undertaken this procurement on behalf of the ACCESS Pool of LGPS Pension Funds.

The Pool is seeking to appoint a Communications and Engagement Partner to provide support, advice and management of the Pool's communications needs. This includes, for example, engagement with the press, government and other external parties, support and advice to the Pool's spokespeople and advice and support on the Pool's online channels.

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: £552,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

Main site or place of performance

The ACCESS Pool's Support Unit is hosted by Essex County Council and this will be the primary location for the provision of the service. However, from time to time the service may be required to be provided within the locale of any of ACCESS's constituent Funds. A list of these can be found at <https://www.accesspool.org/about-access/>

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This procurement uses the Open Procedure and will result in a single contract with a single supplier. The contract will be for 4+2 years, with any extensions at the sole discretion of ACCESS.

Tenderers must complete both the ITT Stage 1 and ITT Stage 2 Questionnaires included in the Tender Documentation and make their submissions via Hampshire County Council's e-tendering portal linked above in this Notice.

Tenderers should note that price will not carry a separate weighting in the evaluation of this tender as the Price Quality Ratio method will be used. An explanation of this can be

found in the ITT.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Press Relationships / Weighting: 25%

Quality criterion - Name: Support to ACCESS / Weighting: 20%

Quality criterion - Name: Engagement with Government / Weighting: 15%

Quality criterion - Name: Online Presence / Weighting: 10%

Quality criterion - Name: External Engagement / Weighting: 10%

Price - Weighting: No separate weighting

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The initial 4 year term may be extended, at ACCESS's sole discretion, for a period or periods not exceeding 2 years.

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 000-024745](#)

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

1 January 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Tavistock Communications Ltd

18 St Swithin's Lane

London

EC4N 8AD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

02623799

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £500,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £552,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of England & Wales

London

Country

United Kingdom