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## **IA2261 Provider Evaluation of "The Big Fostering Partnership"**

Staffordshire County Council

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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**NUTS code**

UKG - WEST MIDLANDS (ENGLAND)

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

IA2261 Provider Evaluation of "The Big Fostering Partnership"

Reference number

IA2261

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

- 79212000 - Auditing services

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

Services

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

Staffordshire County Council are leading on behalf of 5 Local Authorities namely Dudley, Wolverhampton, Telford and Wrekin and Worcestershire on a project called The Big Fostering Partnership.

The partners are seeking a Provider to undertake an evaluation of the Big Fostering Partnership Project. The aim is to evaluate how The Big Fostering Partnership Project works in terms of its effectiveness in delivering the required outcomes for the children who engage with the project but also include the evaluation of the effectiveness and efficiency of the project's delivery.

The Big Fostering Partnership is a Payment by results project that is seeking to move children from residential care to foster care, known as "step down". The aim of the project is to promote and grow the number of specialist foster carers provided by independent fostering agencies in order to manage more complex children who are 7-15 years of age who are in children's homes.

The aim of the evaluation is to find out whether

- a) children who engaged with the project benefitted from it?
- b) all those children that could have benefitted from this project had access to it and been considered for the project and the factors that constrained access and identify that could have broadened access?
- c) the Local Authority partnership, the use of social finance and a special purpose vehicle contributed to the effectiveness of the project, this is to be measured by the improvement in outcomes for children that have been delivered through the project?
- d) the initial use of just one Fostering provider been beneficial and what evidence can be provided to underpin this?
- e) the project has had an impact on availability or otherwise of resources for other children

and on the Sufficiency Duty.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £35,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKG - WEST MIDLANDS (ENGLAND)

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#### **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 April 2021

End date

31 March 2026

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

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## **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

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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: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Date

25 February 2021

Local time

12:00pm

#### **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: 1 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

25 February 2021

Local time

12:30pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

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

Staffordshire County Council

Stafford

Country

United Kingdom