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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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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

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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

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)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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

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.1.8) 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

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