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Planning

## **DPS for Voluntary, Charitable and Social Enterprises (VCSE's) for ad hoc and lower value Goods, Services and Works**

Orbit Group Limited

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

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

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**NUTS code**

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://procontract.due-north.com>

Buyer's address

<http://www.orbit.org.uk>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Housing and community amenities

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

DPS for Voluntary, Charitable and Social Enterprises (VCSE's) for ad hoc and lower

value Goods, Services and Works

Reference number

DN525369

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

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

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

Services

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

This DPS is intended to be a platform to lower the barriers of entry and encourage VCSE's (Voluntary, Charitable and Social Enterprises) and similar organisations such as Sheltered Workshops (organisations employing disadvantaged workers) to tender for smaller and lower value goods, services and works in and outside of the wider public sector, where specific requirements and non-core work is required. There are real challenges in enabling social value to be applied effectively primarily because organisations have conflicting pressures on delivery, risk, scale and cost management which vary.

Orbit is passionate about building communities and investing in our communities. It is hoped that the growth of social suppliers is increased by working with Orbit and similar organisations across the housing and wider public and private sectors. There is an increasing desire to buy from VCSE's and this desire is being driven by organisational ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) approaches, a generational shift in expectations along with the direction of travel of government led initiatives such as PPN's 0620 and 1120, the industrial and civil society strategies and the Social Value Act.

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

DPS for Voluntary, Charitable and Social Enterprises (VCSE's) for ad hoc and lower value Goods, Services and Works

Lot No

1

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

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

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

This will be split into Lots to allow contracting authorities and other organisations to see what services are on offer by VCSE's.

Proposed Lots:

- Cleaning services and supplies
- Office services and supplies
- Language services
- Furniture
- Education and Training
- Wellbeing services
- Health and Safety
- Clothing
- Minor building works
- Grounds Maintenance
- Waste services
- Carpets and Flooring
- Woodwork

- Promotional items and Gifts
- Food and Drink
- House Clearances / Removals
- Signage
- Vouchers
- IT
- Consultancy
- Other Goods Services & Works

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The government is committed to tackling inequality and giving everyone across the country the opportunity to fulfil their potential. Interpretation of Social Enterprise's is varied and so we generally use the 4 points below

1/ Check what legal structure they are - if they are a Community Interest Company (CIC) this means they will have an asset lock on the distribution of their profits which is proof they do not distribute profits to shareholders.

2/ If they are not a CIC or a charity, ask to see their governing documents - their social or environmental mission should be in their articles of association- this should be stated as the organisation's primary purpose over commercial purposes.

3/ If they have the 'Social Enterprise Mark' this is the best certification you can get to prove they are a social enterprise. Organisations are checked very rigorously before receiving the mark.

4/ Sheltered Workshops

#### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

1 April 2021

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No