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Contract

## **Specialist Education Framework Phase 1 – Independent Non-Maintained Special Schools Round 2**

Nottinghamshire County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0468ed

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

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

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Nottinghamshire

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKF15 - North Nottinghamshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk>

**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**

Specialist Education Framework Phase 1 – Independent Non-Maintained Special Schools Round 2

Reference number

DN719545

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

Nottinghamshire County Council (the Council) is seeking to add further Independent non-maintained Special Schools (INMSS) to a new Framework Agreement under which the Council are looking to commission INMSS and Post-16 (where the provision is delivered in house by the school) provision of specialist school placements for pupils who are not attending mainstream or maintained special schools and who have an Education Health Care (EHC) Plan. This will replace the current Independent / non-maintained special schools Approved Provider List for Nottinghamshire (NAPL).

All Providers currently delivering or intending to deliver services detailed within the updated Specification (Part 4 – Specification) must apply to be on the new Framework Agreement as the current provider list (NAPL) will come to an end on the 31st of December 2024.

This initial phase of the framework will have two lots under which the Council can make specialist school placements (See paragraph 5 below for further details). In Lot 1 commissioners will put in place block contracts with providers and Lot 2 will see the establishment of an approved INMSS provider list

This process is the reopening of the framework for new providers to bid to join the new INMSS framework and is the second tender round. Under the first tender round DN694393, no contracts were awarded under Lot 1, however a number of providers were successful in being accepted onto the INMSS Approved Provider List. Providers who have

already been successful in round 1 for Lot 2 (INMSS Approved Provider List) of the Framework Agreement DO NOT need to bid for Lot 2 in this round 2. However, these Providers may wish to consider applying for a block contract and therefore will need to apply to Lot 1 in this tender round.

Any providers who were unsuccessful in the previous tender round (1) for either Lot 1 or Lot 2 can reapply in this tender round (2)

The establishment of a framework agreement for INMSS is the first phase of the recommissioning of the Specialist Education provision for the Council as set out in the Vision document (Part 3 – Vision document). Ultimately the framework will be extended to include Alternative Education Provision and Post-16 institutions (e.g., further education colleges that are not part of the INMSS), that will be the second/third phases of the recommissioning project and new procurement processes will be run at later dates which are yet to be decided

#### **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: £250,000,000

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

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

Independent Non-Maintained Special School Block Arrangement

Lot No

1

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKF15 - North Nottinghamshire
- UKF16 - South Nottinghamshire

## II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) 'the Council' ran an open tender process in accordance with the light touch regime of the Public Procurement regulations 2015 to establish a new framework for Specialist Education.

Under this lot the Council is looking to commission block contracts, known as “call-offs” from the Framework Agreement in each of the Nottinghamshire districts. The Block contracts will start from the beginning of the new school academic year commencing from September 2025 or as soon as possible from the start of the new school academic year if new buildings are to be put in place or existing buildings to be expanded upon or refurbished. Please note that all provision must be in place and the service to start within 24 months of the contract commencement date. A mobilisation plan for the implementation of the new provision must be agreed between the provider and the commissioning team.

Bidders must specify which areas they are bidding to operate in. The areas known as districts/boroughs are as follows:

Sub Lot Area

A Ashfield

B Bassetlaw

C Broxtowe

D Gedling

E Mansfield

F Newark and Sherwood

G Rushcliffe

Up to a maximum of two block contracts will be awarded per district. This means that two single providers can be awarded one contract each in a district, a provider cannot hold two block contracts in a district. Dependent on demand for specialist school places only one block contract per area may be awarded.

Providers can bid on as many locations as they wish to provide a service in, however no single provider will be awarded a block contract in 4 or more of the districts/boroughs

The term of the framework agreement will be for a period of 5 years and will commence

from 01 January 2025 to the 31 December 2029. The earliest date “call-off” contracts can commence under Lot 1 is the 1st of January 2025.

There is potential to extend this Framework Agreement for up to a further 6 years in increments of 24 months

The tender was published on <https://www.eastmidstenders.org/>: Reference DN719545

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Service Delivery / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Resilient Workforce / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Service Improvement / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Physical and Sensory Environment / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Preparing for Adulthood and Transitions / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Implementation / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Changes in Provision / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Contact Hours / Weighting: 50

Cost criterion - Name: Direct Staff Ratio / Weighting: 50

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

There are three optional extensions to the framework agreement each of 24 months, a total of 6 years.

### **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**

There are three optional extensions to the framework agreement each of 24 months, a total of 6 years.

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

The initial term of the framework agreement is for five years and will end on the 31st December 2029. There is potential to extend this Framework Agreement for up to a further six years in increments of twenty four months. This process is a competitive procurement conducted in accordance with the Light Touch Regime Regulations 74 to 77 of the Public Procurement Regulations 2015, the subject matter is Specialist Education for children and young people with special education needs who have an Education Health Care Plan and the extended duration of the Framework Agreement is justified due to the type of service being sourced and the nature of the market. This is to ensure continuity in the provision of specialist education school places for the children and young people and to minimise disruption to the children and young people.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Approved INMSS Provider List

Lot No

2

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKF15 - North Nottinghamshire
- UKF16 - South Nottinghamshire

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

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accordance with the light touch regime of the Public Procurement regulations 2015 to establish a new framework for Specialist Education.

This lot will see the establishment of a new approved INMSS provider list for placements that replaces the current Independent / non-maintained special schools Approved Provider List for Nottinghamshire (NAPL). This provider list will be effective from the 1st of January 2025 \*\* from which placements can be commissioned. \*\*Note due to the limited number of bids in Round 1, the start date of the framework was put back to the 1st January 2025 from the 1st April 2024

Bidders that are successful in demonstrating that they are able to meet the Council's standards, as set out in the service specification, will be added to the Approved INMSS Provider List and will be subsequently invited to offer places that match the needs of the children and young people.

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Quality criterion - Name: Preparing for Adulthood and Transitions / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Response to referrals / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 0

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## **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: No

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

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2024/S 000-015869](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

DN719545

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

Specialist Education Framework Phase 1 – Independent Non-Maintained Special Schools  
Round 2

A contract/lot is awarded: No

### **V.1) Information on non-award**

The contract/lot is not awarded

No tenders or requests to participate were received or all were rejected

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

DN719545

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

Approved INMSS Provider List

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

8 October 2024

**V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 5

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: 6

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

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

A Place to Call Our Own (APTCOO)

North Farm House, Worksop Road

Budby, Nottinghamshire

NG22 9EX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF15 - North Nottinghamshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £134,500,000

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#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Hardwick House School Ltd

Hardwick House School, 190 Forest Road

Loughborough

LE11 3HU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF21 - Leicester

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Speech and Language UK Services Ltd. t/as Dawn House School

Helmsley Road, Rainworth

Mansfield

NG21 0DQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF15 - North Nottinghamshire

The contractor is an SME

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#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Kedleston (Wings Education) Limited

Unit 7, Brook Business Centre

Uxbridge

UB8 2FX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI3 - Inner London – West

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Silver Linings Education Ltd

28 Old Park Close Bilborough

Nottingham

NG8 4FR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF14 - Nottingham

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

The Royal Courts of Justice

The Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/>