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Tender

Provision of Foster Care and Continuing Care Service

Falkirk Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

27 February 2025, 11:00am

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Falkirk Council

The Foundry, 4 Central Park, Central Boulevard

Falkirk

FK5 4RU

Email

cpu@falkirk.gov.uk

Telephone

+44 1324506566

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM76 - Falkirk

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00184

I.3) Communication

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

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

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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

Provision of Foster Care and Continuing Care Service

Reference number

CS/047/25

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Framework Agreement for foster placements and continuing care for children and young people requiring this provision preferably within a 25-mile radius of West Bridge Street, Falkirk, FK1 5RS.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £15,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85310000 - Social work services
- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people
- 85320000 - Social services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM76 - Falkirk

Main site or place of performance

Placements within a 25-mile radius of West Bridge Street, Falkirk, FK1 5RS.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Framework Agreement for foster placements and continuing care for children and young people requiring this provision preferably within a 25-mile radius of West Bridge Street, Falkirk, FK1 5RS.

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £15,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement

Duration in months

72

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

The duration of the Framework Agreement will be four years with the option to extend for up to two further years.

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation

List and brief description of rules and criteria

The foster care service must be a voluntary organisation (The Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 - Ch3 s59(3)).

It is expected that successful Providers will have a Care Inspectorate rating of 3 or above for the Wellbeing Question.

It is a requirement that bidders hold, or can commit to obtain prior to the commencement of any subsequently awarded contract, the following types/levels of insurance as a minimum:

Employer's (Compulsory) Liability Insurance = 10M GBP

Public Liability Insurance = 10M GBP

Professional Indemnity Insurance = 5M GBP

SPD 4B.6 Where the credit score is less than 30/100 the bidder may be excluded from the tender process unless satisfactory information is provided that gives assurances regarding financial risk in appointing the bidder to the Framework.

Bidders should provide information on the number of current carers Falkirk Council area and also within 25 mile radius for 4C.8.1 in the SPD.

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.1) Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision

Registration with the Care Inspectorate and Scottish Social Services Council in accordance with Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001 as amended.

Bidders should provide Registration number(s) including Care Inspectorate Service Number etc at Section 4A.2 in the SPD.

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

If a Provider has a Care Inspectorate rating of Adequate or below on any quality theme following the Commencement Date of the Framework, the Provider must work towards an increased grade through a robust improvement plan agreed with the Care Inspectorate.

The Providers improvement action plan agreed with the Care Inspectorate must be shared with Falkirk Council and the implications of the grades and action plan for Falkirk young people placed reviewed to provide assurances that the placements remain in the best interests of each child. The Council reserves the right to terminate a placement where such assurance is not provided to their satisfaction.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

Health & Social Care Framework that can permit new entrants throughout it's duration.

IV.1.10) Identification of the national rules applicable to the procedure

Information about national procedures is available at:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2015/446/part/2/chapter/3/crossheading/social-and-other-specific-services/made>

IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure

The scope of services to be provided under this Framework falls within the definition of social and other specific services in Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") and therefore the procurement process shall be subject to the requirements of section 7 of the Regulations.

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Originally published as:

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24 February 2025

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Date

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Local time

11:00am

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IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

Bidders are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

The scope of services to be provided under this Framework falls within the definition of social and other specific services in Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") and therefore the procurement process shall be subject to the requirements of section 7 of the Regulations.

SPPN 7/2021 may apply.

Reserve right to open Framework to new entrants. New Entrants will be subject to the same requirements as detailed in this Contract Notice and Tender Documents. New Entrants can apply by making initial contact to cpu@falkirk.gov.uk.

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The Contracting Authority does not intend to include a sub-contract clause as part of community benefits (as per Section 25 of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014) in this contract for the following reason:

No subcontracting will be permitted within this Framework without the prior written consent of Falkirk Council.

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

Community benefits are included in this requirement. Please refer to Appendix 1 - Community Benefits Statement.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Court of Session

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom