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Contract

TD1938 - For the provision of a Higher Education Institution to deliver the Step Up to Social Work Programme for the East Midlands Regional Partnership (EMRP).

Derby City Council

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-002869

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-038360

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Derby City Council

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Derby

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Contact

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Email

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Telephone

+44 1332640768

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKF11 - Derby

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.derby.gov.uk

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

TD1938 - For the provision of a Higher Education Institution to deliver the Step Up to Social Work Programme for the East Midlands Regional Partnership (EMRP).

Reference number

TD1938

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80300000 - Higher education services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Step up to Social Work programme is funded by the Department for Education (DfE) with the intention of raising the standard of social workers who work in children's statutory services. The programme recruits high calibre candidates who have a 2:2 degree and who already have experience of working with vulnerable children, young people or adults who want to train as social workers.

The DfE have announced that they will fund a cohort 8 of the Step up to Social Work programme and the EMRP is seeking to contract a Higher Education Institution (HEI) to work with the East Midlands EMRP to deliver and quality assure a Cohort 8 Step Up to Social Work Programme to train students who will be attached to Local Authorities in the East Midlands Region.

Derby City Council is acting as the lead authority in the procurement of this new contract on behalf of all Local Authorities in the EMRP

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £1,283,370

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKF11 - Derby

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Initial term of 17 months with an option to extend into cohort 9 for another 24 months.

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: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2022/S 000-031927](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

1

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

31 January 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 0

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

University of Central Lancashire

Preston

PR1 2HE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF11 - Derby

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,283,370

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Derby City Council

Derby

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

Derby City Council will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar days standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. This period allows unsuccessful tenderers to seek further debriefing from the contracting authority before the contract is entered into.

Applicants have 2 working days from the notification of the award decision to request additional debriefing and that information has to be provided a minimum of 3 working days before the expiry of the standstill period. Such additional information should be required from the contact details provided in section 1.1 of this notice.

If an appeal regarding the award of a contract has not been successfully resolved the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (Si 2015 No 102) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court(England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Any such action must be brought promptly (generally within 3 months).

Where a contract has not been entered into the Court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order the authority to amend any document and may award damages. If the contract has been entered into the Court may only award damages. [The purpose of the standstill period referred to above is to allow parties to apply to the Courts to set aside the award decision before the contract is entered into].