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Tender

Information and Advice for Carers and people with Disabilities

West Lothian Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03a17a

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM78 - West Lothian

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.publictendersscotland.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.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.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

Information and Advice for Carers and people with Disabilities

Reference number

CC12441

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85310000 - Social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

There is a statutory requirement under Section 34 of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 (the Act), for local authorities to establish and maintain, or ensure the establishment and maintenance of an information and advice service for relevant Carers. A new contract is required to ensure that an information advice and support service is provided to all unpaid carers and people with disabilities. The service will be provided to all residents of West Lothian who are carers or have disabilities. The service can be accessed on direct access basis or via referral from Social Work or other third sector organisations.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,320,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM78 - West Lothian

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Implementation and Transition / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Service Model / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Service Delivery / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Partnership Approach / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Leadership and Management / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Quality Assurance / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Service User and Engagement and Involvement / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Work First / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 70

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,320,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Contract will be due for renewal on expiry.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

RE ESPD Q4B.6; West Lothian Council will use Dun and Bradstreet DBAi financial reporting system to assess the financial stability of tenderers. Tenderers with a Failure Score of 50 or above on the DBAi system will be deemed to have evidence satisfactory financial stability. Please note that 49 or less will not be considered as having met this criteria. If a tenderer has a Failure Score of less than 50, the tenderer may be required to submit their last three years accounts.

In the event that the tenderer is not required to publish accounts and therefore does not have a Dun & Bradstreet or equivalent rating, tenderers should be able to provide financial accounts when requested. The council will then conduct an analysis of the accounts to ensure that there is no significant financial risk. Please note that if you intend on attaching 2 years accounts, these must include financial data over a 3-year period.

It is recommended that candidates review their own Dun & Bradstreet Score in advance of submitting their tender. If following this review tenderers consider that the Dun & Bradstreet Score does not reflect their current financial status, details of this should be

provided, complete with evidence of a good high street credit rating (the equivalent of Dun & Bradstreet score 50) from a recognised credit referencing agency. The council will review any such information as part of the evaluation of Tenderer's financial status.

In the event that a firm does not meet the financial criteria for consideration but has a parent company that does, the firm may still be eligible for consideration where their Tender Submission is supported by a Parent Company Guarantee.

Re ESPD Q4B.5.1a&b; It is a requirement of this contract that bidders hold, or can commit to obtain prior to the commencement of any subsequently awarded contract, the types and levels of insurance indicated below:

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Employers Liability 10,000,000 GBP (Ten Million GBP)

Professional Indemnity 2,000,000 GBP (Two Million GBP)

Public liability 5,000,000 GBP (Five Million GBP)

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

RE ESPD Q4C1.2; Bidders will be required to provide an example in the last 3 years that demonstrate that they have the relevant experience to deliver the services as described in part II.2.4 of the Find a Tender Service Contract Notice or the relevant section of the Site Notice. These will be scored on a pass/fail basis.

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

Bidders are required to meet and comply with the requirements of the specification. Bidders are required to hold and provide copies of an Adult Protection Policy and a Childs Protection Policy. Copies of these are requested within the Technical Envelope on PCS-Tender, failure to provide these may result in your tender being rejected.

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

Date

16 February 2023

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: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

16 February 2023

Local time

12:00pm

Place

Electronically on PCS-Tender

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: Future contract notice will be published in 2025 or 2026 dependent on the use of the extension period.

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

The Council will be taking advantage of the flexibilities of the Light Touch Regime and will be reducing the standard timescales for bidders submissions. However, the Invitation to Tender will be streamlined and simplified to assist bidders.

There will be no price evaluation for this tender, and bidders will not be required to complete any pricing schedule.

In accordance with Section 67 (5) of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations (5) i.e. the cost element may also take the form of a fixed price or cost on the basis of which economic operators will compete on quality criteria only whereby price is fixed. Those bidders who are prepared to accept the fixed rate of GBP 440,000 per annum will be awarded 40%. Any bidder who is not prepared to accept this rate will be awarded 0%. Police Scotland will be consulted with regards to Serious and Organised Crime checks. Any links to this type of activity may cause your tender to be rejected.

Re: ESPD Q2B, complete information for all company directors, using home address.

TUPE – The incoming Contractor is responsible for obtaining legal and professional advice about relevant TUPE implications.

CONFIDENTIALITY - All information supplied by the Authority must be treated in confidence and not disclosed to third parties except

insofar as this is necessary to obtain sureties or quotations for the purpose of submitting

the tender. All information supplied by you to the

Authority will similarly be treated in confidence except:

(i) for any information required to be disclosed or otherwise provided by the Authority to any person in order to comply with the Freedom of

Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and any codes of practice applicable from time to time relating to access to public authorities' information.

The Tenderer shall co-operate, facilitate, support and assist the Authority in the provision of this information. In the event the Authority is required to provide information to any person as a result of a request made to it under such Act and/or codes, the Authority shall adhere to the requirements of such Act and/or codes in disclosing information relating to this Agreement, the Project documents and the Contractor.

(ii) that references may be sought from banks, existing or past clients, or other referees submitted by the tenderers;

(iii) for the disclosure of such information with regard to the outcome of the procurement process as may be required to be published in the

Supplement to the Official Journal of the European Union in accordance with EU directives or elsewhere in accordance with the requirements of UK government policy on the disclosure of information relating to government contracts.

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 23367. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

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 proposals will not form part of the award criteria and will not be evaluated but will be contractual obligations. For further procurement information visit the link below. <http://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/2023/Doing-Business-With-The-Council>.

(SC Ref:720519)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Livingston Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

Howden South Road

Livingston

EH546FF

Country

United Kingdom