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## **Alternative Education Provision for children who, because of exclusion, illness or other reasons, would not otherwise receive suitable education**

Buckinghamshire Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Prior information notice with call for competition

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

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

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UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://www.supplybucksbusiness.org.uk>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.supplybucksbusiness.org.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.supplybucksbusiness.org.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**

Alternative Education Provision for children who, because of exclusion, illness or other reasons, would not otherwise receive suitable education

Reference number

DN523023

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

The Council has a duty to secure Alternative Education Provision (AEP) which is defined as education arranged by local authorities for pupils who, because of exclusion, illness or other reasons, would not otherwise receive suitable education. The purpose of the service will be to support the Council with this duty by providing a full time AEP service for this cohort.

This service specification sets out the scope and requirements for these services in three lots:

- Lot 1 – Full Time onsite Alternative Education Provision to permanently excluded and challenging young people, predominantly at Key Stage 4;
- Lot 2 – Full time virtual/online education for children in Key Stages, 3, 4 and 5;
- Lot 3 – Short Term Provision for children with an EHCP without a permanent school place.

The contract for all Lots will commence on 1 September 2021.

The indicative budget for Lot 1 is estimated to be around 480,000 GBP per annum, Lot 2 it is likely to be between 50 000 and 100,00 GBP per annum and Lot 3 is likely to be between 80 000 and 130,000 GBP per annum. This is only an estimate and the actual

spend maybe higher or lower than these figures.

The Council is of the opinion that TUPE will apply to Lot 1 only

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

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

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

Lot 1: Onsite provision for students with complex needs in KS4

Lot No

1

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

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

This will include the provision of full time onsite Alternative Education Provision to permanently excluded and challenging young people, predominantly at Key Stage 4, and those with Special Educational Needs (SEND). Staff will be fully experienced in delivering education to this cohort with established links to partner agencies enabling them to provide a holistic approach to education. Full time is defined as a minimum of 18 hours of supervised education per week delivered across five days. Each day must be made up of two sessions divided by a break and will include the provision of two nutritious meals a day to each full- time pupil. Transportation will also be required for pupils who have been referred to receive services.

The indicative budget for Lot 1 is estimated to be around 480,000 GBP per annum; this is only an estimate and the actual spend maybe higher or lower than this figure.

Potential bidders for this Lot must be registered with the UK government Department for

Education (DfE) as a registered maintained or Independent School.

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

Duration in months

36

### **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 contract dates are 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2024 (Two optional extensions 1st September 2024 to 31st August 2026 and 1st September 2026 to 31st September 2027)

## **II.2) Description**

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

Lot 2: Virtual/online educational provision for KS3 – KS5 students

Lot No

2

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

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

This will include provision of online remote learning to Key Stage 3, Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 pupils who have been permanently excluded, cannot attend school due to medical needs or have recently moved into Buckinghamshire and are without a school place. This education needs to be provided from the 5th day of receiving a referral. Staff will be fully experienced in delivering education to this cohort with established links to

partner agencies enabling them to provide a holistic approach to education.

The indicative budget for Lot 2 is likely to be between 50 000 and 100,00 GBP per annum; this is only an estimate and the actual spend maybe higher or lower than this figure.

Potential bidders for this Lot must be registered with the UK government Department for Education (DfE) as a registered maintained or Independent School.

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

Duration in months

36

#### **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 contract dates are 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2024 (Two optional extensions 1st September 2024 to 31st August 2026 and 1st September 2026 to 31st September 2027)

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

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

Lot 3: Short term provision for students awaiting a permanent placement

Lot No

3

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

- 800000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

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

This will include short term provision of full-time education to pupils with an Education Health Care Plan who are without a school place. Each pupil referred should receive this service for a maximum of 12 weeks until a permanent school is identified. Education will be provided either face to face tuition, or via a blend of face to face and virtual/online education. Staff will be fully experienced in delivering education to this cohort with established links to partner agencies enabling them to provide a holistic approach to education.

The indicative budget for Lot 3 is likely to be between 80 000 and 130,000 GBP per annum; this is only an estimate and the actual spend maybe higher or lower than this figure.

Potential bidders for this Lot must be registered with the UK government Department for Education (DfE) as a registered maintained or Independent School.

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

Duration in months

12

#### **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 contract dates are 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022 (One optional extension 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023)

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## **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

All criteria are stated in the procurement documents accessed via  
<http://www.supplybucksbusiness.org.uk>

Award criteria: Quality 60, Price 40

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

As set out in the procurement documents accessed via  
<http://www.supplybucksbusiness.org.uk>

#### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract



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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Form of procedure**

Open procedure

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

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest**

Date

18 March 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Buckinghamshire Council

Walton Street

Aylesbury

HP20 1UA

Email

[procurement@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:procurement@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Council will incorporate a standstill period at the point when information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. The standstill period will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, and provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into. The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide for the 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).