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Contract

West Midlands Independent Fostering Agency Framework

COVENTRY CITY COUNCIL

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

COVENTRY CITY COUNCIL

PO Box 7097

COVENTRY

CV6 9SL

Contact

Procurement Services

Email

procurement.services@coventry.gov.uk

Telephone

+44 2476975232

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG33 - Coventry

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.coventry.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

West Midlands Independent Fostering Agency Framework

Reference number

COV - 18715

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This framework is for the provision of foster care services across the West Midlands region.

Coventry City Council is the lead local authority for this regional framework, which can be accessed by the 14 West Midland Local Authorities/Trusts.

The West Midlands Regional Independent Fostering Agency Framework remains the primary means by which foster care homes are sourced in the region from the independent market. Over 80% of placements were made via the previous framework. Therefore this new framework is central to the West Midlands Local Authorities and Children's Trusts' strategy for securing sufficient foster homes to meet need in the coming years.

The initial term of the Framework is for the period of 4 years from commencement but may be extended, by mutual agreement by 2 increments of 3 years

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: £2,750,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Standard Foster Care

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG11 - Herefordshire, County of

- UKG12 - Worcestershire
- UKG13 - Warwickshire
- UKG21 - Telford and Wrekin
- UKG22 - Shropshire CC
- UKG23 - Stoke-on-Trent
- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC
- UKG31 - Birmingham
- UKG32 - Solihull
- UKG33 - Coventry
- UKG36 - Dudley
- UKG37 - Sandwell
- UKG38 - Walsall
- UKG39 - Wolverhampton

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 1 is for the provision of Standard Foster Care placements

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Mandatory criteria / Weighting: pass/fail

Cost criterion - Name: Pricing / Weighting: pass/fail

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The initial term of the Framework is for the period of 4 years from commencement but may be extended, by mutual agreement by 2 increments of 3 years

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Enhanced Foster Care

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG11 - Herefordshire, County of
- UKG12 - Worcestershire
- UKG13 - Warwickshire
- UKG21 - Telford and Wrekin
- UKG22 - Shropshire CC
- UKG23 - Stoke-on-Trent
- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC
- UKG31 - Birmingham
- UKG32 - Solihull
- UKG33 - Coventry
- UKG36 - Dudley
- UKG37 - Sandwell
- UKG38 - Walsall
- UKG39 - Wolverhampton

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 2 is for the provision of Enhanced Foster Care placements

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Mandatory criteria / Weighting: pass/fail

Cost criterion - Name: Pricing / Weighting: pass/fail

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The initial term of the Framework is for the period of 4 years from commencement but may be extended, by mutual agreement by 2 increments of 3 years

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Specialist Foster Care

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG11 - Herefordshire, County of
- UKG12 - Worcestershire
- UKG13 - Warwickshire
- UKG21 - Telford and Wrekin
- UKG22 - Shropshire CC
- UKG23 - Stoke-on-Trent
- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC
- UKG31 - Birmingham
- UKG32 - Solihull
- UKG33 - Coventry

- UKG36 - Dudley
- UKG37 - Sandwell
- UKG38 - Walsall
- UKG39 - Wolverhampton

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 3 is for the provision of Specialist Foster Care placements

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Mandatory criteria / Weighting: pass/fail

Cost criterion - Name: Pricing / Weighting: pass/fail

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The initial term of the Framework is for the period of 4 years from commencement but may be extended, by mutual agreement by 2 increments of 3 years

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Parent and Child Foster Care

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG11 - Herefordshire, County of

- UKG12 - Worcestershire
- UKG13 - Warwickshire
- UKG21 - Telford and Wrekin
- UKG22 - Shropshire CC
- UKG23 - Stoke-on-Trent
- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC
- UKG31 - Birmingham
- UKG32 - Solihull
- UKG33 - Coventry
- UKG36 - Dudley
- UKG37 - Sandwell
- UKG38 - Walsall
- UKG39 - Wolverhampton

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 4 is for the provision of Parent and Child Foster Care placements

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Mandatory criteria / Weighting: pass/fail

Cost criterion - Name: Pricing / Weighting: pass/fail

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The initial term of the Framework is for the period of 4 years from commencement but may be extended, by mutual agreement by 2 increments of 3 years

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: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-013694](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

COV - 18715

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

29 July 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 59

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 43

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 59

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Abacus Fostering Limited

Suite 302, Steward Street Lofts, 69 Steward Street

BIRMINGHAM

B18 7AF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG31 - Birmingham

Companies House

08152835

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Acorn House (Fostering Services) Limited

Hollinwood Business Centre, Albert Street

OLDHAM

OL8 3QL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Companies House

06437368

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Active Care Solutions

Malvern View, Saxon Business Park, Hanbury Road, Bromsgrove

WORCESTERSHIRE

B60 4AD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG12 - Worcestershire

Companies House

07991539

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Anchor Foster Care Services Ltd

69A Maidstone Road, Chatham

KENT

ME4 6DP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

Companies House

04348277

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Avanti Fostering Ltd

Devonshire House, 582 Honeypot Lane

STANMORE

HA7 1JS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI74 - Harrow and Hillingdon

Companies House

12361046

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Barnardo's

Barnardo House, Tanners Lane, Barkingside, Ilford

LONDON

IG6 1QG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

00061625

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Bridging Gaps Fostering Agency

Norwich Union House, 9 Mackenzie St

SLOUGH

SL1 1XQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ11 - Berkshire

Companies House

05989754

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Child Care Bureau Ltd

Atria, Spa Road

BOLTON

BL1 4AG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Companies House

04222171

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Children Always First Ltd

Unit 4, The School Yard, 106 High Street, Harborne

BIRMINGHAM

B17 9NJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG31 - Birmingham

Companies House

08325499

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Clifford House Fostering Ltd

Malvern View, Saxon Business Park, Hanbury Road

BROMSGROVE

B60 4AD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG12 - Worcestershire

Companies House

06837132

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Compass Fostering Central Ltd

3 Rayns Way, Syston

LEICESTER

LE7 1PF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF21 - Leicester

Companies House

04331256

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Compass Fostering West Ltd

3 Rayns Way, Syston

LEICESTER

LE7 1PF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF21 - Leicester

Companies House

05975556

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

DMR Services Ltd

16 High Street

ALDRIDGE

WS9 8LZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG38 - Walsall

Companies House

05055189

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Elite Fostering Limited

1 GORSEY WAY

WALSALL

WS9 0EQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG38 - Walsall

Companies House

11121166

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

F5 Foster Care Limited

95 Amington Road. Amington House, Tyseley

BIRMINGHAM

B25 8EP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG31 - Birmingham

Companies House

09951911

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Families First Fostering Ltd

7D Whitebridge Estate, Whitebridge Way

STONE

ST15 8LQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

Companies House

12149799

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Family Care Fostering Ltd

60 School Lane, Bamber Bridge

PRESTON

PR5 6QE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD4 - Lancashire

Companies House

07990947

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Family Fostering Partners

Unit 1, Block B, Llys y Barcud, Clos, Gelli Rd, Cross Hands

LLANELLI

SA14 6RX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL14 - South West Wales

Companies House

09443529

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Father Hudson's Caritas

St George's House, Gerards Way

BIRMINGHAM

B46 3FG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG31 - Birmingham

Companies House

01653388

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Five Rivers Child Care Limited

47 Bedwin Street, Salisbury

WILTSHIRE

SP1 3UT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK15 - Wiltshire CC

Companies House

04236028

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Foster Care Associates Ltd

Malvern View, Saxon Business Park, Hanbury Road, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove

WORCESTERSHIRE

B60 4AD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG12 - Worcestershire

Companies House

04322806

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Foster Care Link Ltd

66B Cazenove Road

LONDON

N16 6AA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

04743655

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Fostering Hearts Ltd

Office 207, Seed Space 1 Ltd Epping Civic Centre, 323 High Street

EPPING

CM16 4BZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH3 - Essex

Companies House

12007042

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Fostering Innovations

Room No. 519, The Atrium, 1 Harefield Road

UXBRIDGE

UB8 1EX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

09211399

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Fostering People Limited

Suite D, The Point, Welbeck Road, West Bridgford

NOTTINGHAM

NG2 7QW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF14 - Nottingham

Companies House

04241833

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

?Fostering Solutions Ltd

??Atria, Spa Road

BOLTON

BL1 4AG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Companies House

04006225

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

?Fostering Together Ltd

The Old Granary, Penstock Hall Farm, Canterbury Road, East Brabourne

KENT

TN25 5LL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

Companies House

12267117

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

FosteringMatters Limited

??10 College Green

GLOUCESTER

GL1 2LX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK13 - Gloucestershire

Companies House

05083103

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Fosterplus Ltd

??Malvern View, Saxon Business Park, Hanbury Road, Bromsgrove

WORCESTERSHIRE

B60 4AD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG12 - Worcestershire

Companies House

03196297

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Foundation Fostering Ltd

Hop Merchant, 21 Sansome Street

WORCESTER

WR1 1UH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG12 - Worcestershire

Companies House

10056786

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Freedom Fostering Limited

27 Waterloo Road

WOLVERHAMPTON

WV1 4DJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG39 - Wolverhampton

Companies House

04483726

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Fusion Fostering Limited

Maltravers House, Petters Way, Yeovil

SOMERSET

BA20 1SH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK23 - Somerset

Companies House

07819299

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Greater London Fostering

20-22 Gipsy Hill

LONDON

SE19 1NL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

04236191

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ideal Fostering Limited

Anchor House, 5 Bridgeman Street

WALSALL

WS2 9NW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG38 - Walsall

Companies House

08606830

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ikon Fostering

1 Coton Lane

BIRMINGHAM

B23 6TP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG31 - Birmingham

Companies House

09055343

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Integrated Services Programme - ISP

Malvern View, Saxon Business Park, Hanbury Road, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove

WORCESTERSHIRE

B60 4AD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG12 - Worcestershire

Companies House

02820208

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Jay Fostering Ltd

Atria, Spa Road

BOLTON

BL1 4AG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Companies House

04822721

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Match Foster Care Ltd

Severn House, 30 - 32 Ombersley Street West

DROITWICH

WR9 8QZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG12 - Worcestershire

Companies House

07366358

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

New Chapters Fostercare Limited

Blencathra, Upton Magna Business Park, Upton Magna, Shrewsbury

SHREWSBURY

SY4 4TT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG22 - Shropshire CC

Companies House

09282856

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

New Life Fostering Agency Limited

Charter House, 848 Tyburn Road, Erdington

BIRMINGHAM

B24 9NT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG31 - Birmingham

Companies House

07988572

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Orange Grove Fostercare Ltd

Malvern View, Saxon Business Park, Hanbury Road

BROMSGROVE

B60 4AD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG12 - Worcestershire

Companies House

07027421

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Outset Fostering Agency Ltd

The Wenta Business Centre, 1 Electric Avenue

ENFIELD

EN3 7XU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI54 - Enfield

Companies House

12326599

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Parallel Parents Ltd

2nd Floor Lansdowne House, 85 Buxton Road

STOCKPORT

SK2 6LR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Companies House

04311751

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Paramount Foster Care

172 Birmingham Road, West Bromwich, West Midlands

BIRMINGHAM

B70 6QG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG31 - Birmingham

Companies House

10707917

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Park Foster Care Ltd

Metropolitan House, 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar

HERTFORDSHIRE

EN6 1AG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Companies House

04861395

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Quality Fostering Ltd

Celixir House, Stratford Business & Technology Park

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

CV37 7G7

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG13 - Warwickshire

Companies House

05692706

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Social Work Assessment Partners Ltd

51 Long Street Bulkington

BEDWORTH

CV12 9JZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG13 - Warwickshire

Companies House

05411615

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Sunbeam Fostering Agency Limited

Sunbeam House 12 Waterside Drive

LANGLEY

SL3 6EZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ11 - Berkshire

Companies House

03948662

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Swiis Foster Care Limited

4th Floor, Prince House, 43-51 Prince Street

BRISTOL

BS1 4PS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Companies House

03985713

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Adolescent and Children's Trust (TACT)

98 Station Road

SIDCUP

DA15 7BY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

Companies House

02779751

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Children's Family Trust

Harris Business Park, Hanbury Rd

STOKE PRIOR

B60 4DJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG12 - Worcestershire

Companies House

00398875

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Ethical Fostering Service

123 Hallgate

COTTINGHAM

HU16 4FDA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE1 - East Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire

Companies House

11057663

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Foster Care Charity

Penny Hall, The Haysfield, Spring Lane North

MALVERN

WR14 1GF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG12 - Worcestershire

Companies House

14472135

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The National Fostering Agency Ltd

Atria, Spa Road

BOLTON

BL1 4AG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Companies House

03127814

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

UK Fostering Ltd

Bridge House, High Street

DARTFORD

DA1 1DJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

Companies House

08005502

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Voice Fostering Ltd

595 Tanworth Lane

SHIRLEY

B90 4JE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG32 - Solihull

Companies House

08055329

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Wholistic Fostering Ltd

34 Brook House, Brook Street Business Centre, Brook Street

TIPTON

DY4 9DD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG37 - Sandwell

Companies House

08685379

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,750,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Coventry City Council

Coventry

Country

United Kingdom