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Planning

Independent Fostering Agency (IFA) (PIN Notice)

Bedford Borough Council

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-003315

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04363e

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKH24 - Bedford

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

Central Bedfordshire Council Dunstable

Bedford

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Region code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

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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

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Independent Fostering Agency - Approved Provider List Opportunity

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Agenda

- Needs across the area
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- Opportunity for providers to give their views, feedback and to ask questions around joining an Approved Provider List

Please contact Shelley Cummings at shelley.cummings@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk to confirm your attendance or with any queries. An MS Teams link will be forwarded to all those who confirm attendance.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH24 - Bedford

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

30 September 2024

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No