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Contract

Agency Social Workers

DONCASTER CHILDREN'S SERVICES TRUST LIMITED

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02973a

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKE3 - South Yorkshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Social protection

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Agency Social Workers

Reference number

322

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Agency staff social workers

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: £164,320.02

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKE3 - South Yorkshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Agency children's social workers x 4

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Extension available, based on needs at the end of the current contract

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

Explanation:

This contract is for the provision of a social work team of 4 agency workers. The usual avenues of recruitment of agency workers have not been successful.

This contract is required urgently in order for the Trust to meet its statutory responsibilities in the protection of Children.

The Public Procurement Note 01/21, published Feb 2021 allows direct award of contracts where the following have been met and documented:

- Genuine reason for extreme urgency - in this case, increased referrals resulting from Covid19 and usual recruitment avenues not being successful
- The events leading to the urgency were unforeseeable - in this case, Covid19
- It is impossible to comply with the usual timescales (i.e. run a tender) - in this case, the Trust required social workers urgently in order to meet statutory responsibilities.
- The situation is not attributable to the contracting authority - in this case Covid19 was unforeseeable and despite best efforts, the Trust have not been able to recruit to these positions

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

12 February 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Equinox Professional Consultancy Limited

Coventry

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE3 - South Yorkshire

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £164,320.02

Total value of the contract/lot: £164,320.02

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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