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## **Early Education and Childcare Flexible Framework**

Cumberland Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-043861

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

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

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**Region code**

UKD1 - Cumbria

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=ab028ecc-6d6e-ee11-8124-005056b64545>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=ab028ecc-6d6e-ee11-8124-005056b64545>

**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

Early Education and Childcare Flexible Framework

Reference number

DN695535

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85312110 - Child daycare services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

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Local Authorities have a duty to ensure that each child is able to access their free entitlement no later than the beginning of the term following the meeting of the eligibility criteria.

On 01 April 2023, Cumbria County Council ceased to exist and is replaced by two new unitary authorities; Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council. The current countywide framework for Early Education and Childcare was due to end on 31st August 2023 and has been extended for a further 24 months until the 31st August 2025 permitted as advertised in the original notice. This notice seeks to inform the replacement of Cumbria County Council to two new authorities. From this time, each new council will manage the addition of new providers on to their framework.

Existing providers already on the framework do not need to re-apply to this framework. New providers can access the framework at [www.the-chest.gov.uk](http://www.the-chest.gov.uk) or by contacting [free.entitlement@cumberland.gov.uk](mailto:free.entitlement@cumberland.gov.uk)

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 85312110 - Child daycare services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD1 - Cumbria

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

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

End date

31 August 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Framework commenced on the 1st September 2018 with an optional extension of up to 60 months (5 years plus optional 5 years). Two years of the optional extension have been applied until 31/08/2025.

## **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

## **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

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## **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

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## **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

Framework agreement with several operators

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

Open procedure using the light touch regime as per public contract regulations 2015.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2018/S 221-006085](#)

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

Date

4 March 2024

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

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

4 March 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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### **Section VI. Complementary information**

#### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

His Majesty's Court Service

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom