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Tender

Framework of Support Services for Children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)

Durham County Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Durham County Council

County Hall

DURHAM

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Contact

Donna Iley

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC14 - Durham CC

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.durham.gov.uk

I.3) Communication

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

www.nepo.org

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.nepo.org

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**

Framework of Support Services for Children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)

Reference number

DN709629

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This opportunity is for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs/Disabilities (SEN/D) Support Services Framework. The Framework is divided into Lot by the needs of the child as shown below:

MAIN CATEGORY OF NEEDS FOR CHILD

Lot 1 Social, emotional, and mental health (SEMH) needs and/ or autism without a learning disability - no presenting challenging or violent behaviours.

Lot 2 Physical, medical disabilities, personal care needs. May or may not have learning disabilities, social communication or challenging behaviours.

Lot 3 Global developmental delay, cognition and learning difficulties, speech, language and communication difficulties with no or minimal behaviours that challenge (but not violent towards others)

Lot 4 Global developmental delay, cognition and learning difficulties, speech, language and communication difficulties with potential behaviours that challenge (may be violent towards others)

Lot 5 Profound and multiple learning disabilities with complex needs including significant sensory disability, autism, communication, physical and/or medical disabilities. No violence or aggression.

Lot 6 Profound and multiple learning disabilities with complex needs (including significant sensory disability, autism, communication, physical and/or medical disabilities. Unable to regulate and risks of escalating into challenging and violent behaviours and potential for escalation into crisis.

Lot 7 Social, emotional and mental health needs (SEMH) and/ or autism, severe social

communication difficulties without a learning disability. They are vulnerable, their needs involve risk, can escalate and include challenging and potential violent behaviours including self harm to themselves or harm to others.

The Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs/Disabilities (SEN/D) Support Services Framework is a framework of multiple providers (on a non-exclusive basis). There are no restrictions to the number of Providers who may be members of the Framework, only that they meet all the requirements of this Invitation to Tender and Service Specification.

This Framework is a flexible agreement where, at the sole discretion of the Council, it may open the Framework to allow additional providers to be added to its membership. However, at the discretion of the Council, the Framework may remain closed should commissioners deem there be sufficient providers to meet demand.

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The proposed framework agreement is to be let with an option to extend for a further 5 periods 12 months each from the actual end date subject to funding and commissioner approval.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £13,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 7

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Social, emotional, and mental health (SEMH) needs and/ or autism without a learning disability - no presenting challenging or violent behaviours.

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC14 - Durham CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,200,000

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

Start date

1 May 2024

II.2.14) Additional information

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Physical, medical disabilities, personal care needs. May or may not have learning disabilities, social communication or challenging behaviours.

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC14 - Durham CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Global developmental delay, cognition and learning difficulties, speech, language and communication difficulties with no or minimal behaviours that challenge (but not violent towards others)

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC14 - Durham CC

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II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £2,100,000

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

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Global developmental delay, cognition and learning difficulties, speech, language and communication difficulties with potential behaviours that challenge (may be violent towards others)

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC14 - Durham CC

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Start date

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Profound and multiple learning disabilities with complex needs including significant sensory disability, autism, communication, physical and/or medical disabilities. No violence or aggression.

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC14 - Durham CC

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Severe

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC14 - Durham CC

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

SEMH, autism, severe communication, without a learning disability, potential risk and violence to self and others

Lot No

7

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

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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 tenders or requests to participate

Date

8 March 2024

Local time

10:00am

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of England and Wales

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom