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Tender

Birth Counselling Service

Lincolnshire County Council

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-06091f

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Scope

Reference

REQ-1524

Description

Lincolnshire County Council 'the Customer' requires the provision of a Birth Counselling Service to provide support for birth parents and birth families, to enable them to manage the implications of adoption of a family member and have appropriate levels of involvement in the adoption process.

The Service will be accessible to all who need support throughout the adoption process and should engage effectively with hard to reach and vulnerable groups. The support options shall include face-to-face, virtual and telephone counselling, and therapeutic support groups, delivered by qualified counsellors.

The Service shall be able to offer a minimum of 40 general allocations per year, which may fluctuate based on demand and will be reviewed with the Customer to ensure levels are still appropriate.

Suppliers must upload their RFQ submissions on the Tender Portal by no later than 5pm on Wednesday 18th February 2026.

Total value (estimated)

- £167,345 excluding VAT
- £200,814 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 30 March 2030
- 3 years, 11 months, 30 days

Description of possible extension:

1 + 1 year extension subject to agreement by Council

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services

Contract locations

- UKF3 - Lincolnshire

Submission

Enquiry deadline

2 February 2026, 11:59pm

Tender submission deadline

18 February 2026, 5:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://app.panacea-software.com/lcc/eRFX-Suppliers/Open.aspx?requirementId=01de5d12-9402-4b21-b5ea-8dd0e21054c2>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Quality 80%

Price 20%

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Contracting authority

Lincolnshire County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGRB-3736-CHZN

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government