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Tender

Fostering and Continuing Care Services

Scotland Excel

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.scotland-excel.org.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10383

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/esop/guest/login.do>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/esop/guest/login.do>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Fostering and Continuing Care Services

Reference number

1020

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

National Framework Agreement for Fostering and Continuing Care Services across Scotland

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £136,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Standard Service

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85300000 - Social work and related services
- 85310000 - Social work services
- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation
- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - SCOTLAND

Main site or place of performance

Various locations throughout the geographical boundaries of the participating councils within Scotland.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

As further detailed in the procurement documents, Service Option 1 of the Framework Agreement is for the provision of “Standard” fostering Services for Children and Young People across Scotland. Providers may also offer Short Breaks Services and Continuing Care Services to Young People who have chosen to remain in their Placement after leaving

Foster Care.

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

Duration in months

48

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

II.2.14) Additional information

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in Regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015. Please see the Invitation to tender contained on the PCS-Tender project relevant to

this procurement and the other Procurement Documents for further Information.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Enhanced Service

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85300000 - Social work and related services
- 85310000 - Social work services
- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation
- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - SCOTLAND

Main site or place of performance

Various locations throughout the geographical boundaries of the participating councils within Scotland.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

As further detailed in the procurement documents, Service Option 2 of the Framework Agreement is for the provision of “Enhanced” fostering Services, which may include Short Breaks and Continuing Care Services to Children and Young People across Scotland.

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

Duration in months

48

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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II.2.14) Additional information

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Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation

List and brief description of rules and criteria

Insurance obligations for the Provider include:

Third Party (Public) liability to a minimum indemnity limit of 10 million GBP each occurrence. Liability must not exclude abuse and/or molestation cover.

Where required, employer's liability to a minimum indemnity limit of 10 million GBP each occurrence

Where a vehicle is used in the delivery of the Service, statutory third party motor vehicle liability insurance to a minimum indemnity of 5 million GBP each occurrence;

Professional indemnity to a minimum indemnity of 5 million GBP each occurrence.

A search of the bidder against Equifax's Protect must not return a 'Warning' or 'Caution' returnable code, unless alternative documentation is made available to Scotland Excel as stated in Regulation 61 (Means of Proof).

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.1) Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision

Registration with the Care Inspectorate and Scottish Social Services Council in

accordance with Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001 as amended.

Bidders should provide Registration number(s) etc at Section 4A.2 in the SPD.

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

Where a Service receives a grade of three (3) or less for the 'Care and Support' quality theme (as used by the Care Inspectorate) that Service will be given an opportunity to improve this grade through a robust improvement plan agreed with the Care Inspectorate. Failure to improve grades may result in temporary Suspension of the Provider from participation in whole or in part in the Framework Agreement.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure

The scope of services to be provided under this Framework Agreement falls within the definition of social and other specific services in Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") and therefore the procurement process shall be subject to the requirements of section 7 of the Regulations.

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2020/S 177-428621](#)

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

Date

12 April 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

Further information regarding the operation of the framework can be found within the tender documentation which is available in the relevant PCS-T project for this procurement exercise.

This Tender process is subject to the Law and Guidance applicable in Scotland relative to the award of public contracts including (without

limitation) as set out in the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, most recently amended to reflect the European Union exit by the

UK. Any prior version of the relevant Law and Guidance, or terminology related thereto, which appears in these Procurement Documents should therefore be interpreted and applied as currently in force.

Scotland Excel, as a central purchasing body, is procuring this framework for the use and benefit of its members namely 32 local authorities in Scotland, Tayside Contracts, associate members, together with any Integration Authority, or other body, established pursuant to the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

Scotland Excel local authority members and associate members entitled to use this framework, are listed at

http://www.scotlandexcel.org.uk/home/Aboutus/Ourmembers/Our_members.aspx

Scotland Excel have provided a webinar link providing tendering guidance for suppliers in relation to all Scotland Excel Frameworks that

are advertised on the PCS-T portal. The below link will highlight features of the system in order to assist in your navigation of the

Tendering portal. (ITT: 37967 Project Code: 17760)

Link:(<http://www.scotland-excel.org.uk/home/Suppliers/Tendering-process.aspx>)

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in Regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

Please refer to the procurement documents for further information about the permitted

variations under Law and in the contract conditions.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 17760.
For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2361>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

Community Benefits will be assessed under the technical section. Full guidance on the scoring of community benefits is contained in the

"Information and Instructions Incl. Evaluation Methodology" document which can be found in the Buyer Attachment area of ITT_37967 and project_17760, 1020 Fostering and Continuing Care Services.

(SC Ref:646157)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Court of Session

Supreme Courts, Parliament House, Parliament Square

Edinburgh

EH1 1RQ

Country

United Kingdom