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Contract

Fostering Agency Framework Agreement 2022

Norfolk County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Norwich

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc.aspx/Home>

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

Fostering Agency Framework Agreement 2022

Reference number

NCCT42019

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Norfolk County Council wished to revise the current Framework for Fostering Agencies for existing and new providers. Further to Paragraph 3 of the Best Value Statutory Guidance issued by the Secretary of State for Local Government in September 2011, the Council engaged with the market to further understand options for delivery. The meetings informed providers of our intentions and what we hope to achieve, to ascertain what potential providers see as areas of risk, to discuss the specifications, contractual terms and what (if anything) would stop interested parties from applying. Notes and slides from these meetings were published as clarifications.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £50,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Standard Foster Placement

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and 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

- UKH17 - Breckland and South Norfolk
- UKH16 - North and West Norfolk
- UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Standard Foster Placement aged 0-10 and Standard Foster Placement aged 11+

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Enhanced Foster Placement

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and 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

- UKH17 - Breckland and South Norfolk
- UKH16 - North and West Norfolk
- UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Enhanced Foster Placement aged 0-10 and Enhanced Foster Placement aged 11+

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Complex

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and 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

- UKH17 - Breckland and South Norfolk
- UKH16 - North and West Norfolk
- UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Complex - This lot is for 3a CWD aged 0-10, 3a CWD aged 11+, 3b Parent and Child Foster Placement (all ages) and 3c Step Down (Premium)

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

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

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

NCCT42019

Title

Framework Agreement for Foster Agency 2022

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

18 February 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 9

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 5

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 9

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 9

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Adolescent & Children's Trust

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Beams Foster Care and Family Services

Gorleston, Norfolk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Break

Norwich

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

By the Bridge (CareTech Community Services Limited)

Hertfordshire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG1 - Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Warwickshire

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Compass Fostering East Limited

Leicester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF21 - Leicester

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Foster Care Associates (FCA)

Bromsgrove

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG12 - Worcestershire

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

National Fostering Agency

Bolton

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE3 - South Yorkshire

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Regional Foster Families Ltd

Norwich

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

To the Moon and Back Foster Care Ltd

Cambridge

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £50,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £50,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The value is an estimate over the duration of the framework agreement including extensions. The exact value will be dependent on need.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Norfolk County Council

Norwich

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Proceedings must be brought within 30 days from the date of knowledge (the date on which the economic operator first knew or ought to have known that grounds for starting the proceedings had arisen) unless the Court considers that there is good reason for extending the period within which proceedings may be brought, in which case the Court may extend that period up to a maximum of 3 months from the date of knowledge.