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Contract

IA2432 Overnight Residential & Community Short Breaks North Staffordshire

Staffordshire County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02b937

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.staffordshire.gov.uk

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

IA2432 Overnight Residential & Community Short Breaks North Staffordshire

Reference number

IA2432

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Staffordshire County Council is seeking to secure a suitable provider to provide services to meet the Assessed Needs of Children & Young People with Disabilities & provide short breaks from caring for their families/carers'.

The Service will ensure that the child is supported to become as independent as possible, & their families are supported in a way which enables them to maintain their caring role & responsibilities for their child, and to sustain an everyday family life, including spending time with siblings.

Services must be available to enable all eligible children & young people and their families across North Staffordshire, including rural & less populated areas, to have equitable access to quality overnight residential short breaks & community short breaks based.

The provider will be expected to offer appropriate support packages for a range of different needs and complexity, that will be individually tailored & relate to the individual assessment of needs. They should build on each family's strengths & assets wherever possible.

The Service shall comprise of:

Service 1: Residential Short Breaks

(1) the provision of accommodation & care at the Provider's premises based on access for

5 Children & Young People with Disabilities at any one time at weekends (Friday night to Sunday afternoon) and school holiday periods (Monday to Friday), provided in accordance with the regulatory requirements of Ofsted, and reflecting the need to ensure 'compatibility' of the Children & Young People with Disabilities using the service at any particular time;

(2) the provision of accommodation & care outside of school holidays & weekends, upon request when there is an emergency situation and it is not appropriate for the Child or Young People to remain at home (in the geographical area covered by the service);

Service 2: Community Short Breaks

(1) the provision of support for eligible Children & Young People with Disabilities in community settings, to enable the child or young person to participate in agreed, age appropriate activities that will contribute to their personal development & meet their assessed needs. This could include leisure & recreational activities.

(2) the provision of four after school clubs in term time (39 weeks per year), lasting three hours. Four staff are to supervise each club & provision should be made for up to eight Children & Young People with Disabilities to attend each session.

(3) the provision of focused, time limited assessments for the eligible Children & Young People with Disabilities on an ad hoc basis.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,753,500

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation
- 85312120 - Daycare services for disabled children and young people

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

Main site or place of performance

Staffordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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This is an electronic tender. All submission must be made via the formal Contracting Authority Electronic tendering platform.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 20%

Price - Weighting: 80%

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The initial contract is for 30 months until 30 September 2024 plus an extension to extend for up to 12 months until 30 September 2025.

In the event the Agreement is extended the extension shall be on the same Terms and Conditions as the original Agreement period and will ultimately be at the County Council's sole discretion.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

Notice number: [2021/S 000-024628](#)

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

15 February 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Action For Children Services Limited

3 The Boulevard, Ascot Road

Watford

WD18 8AG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,753,500

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Staffordshire County Council

Staffordshire Place 2, Tipping Street

Stafford

ST16 2DH

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Contracting Authority will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period (or 15 days where non electronic or fax methods are used) at the point that an award decision

notice is communicated to tenderers.

The award decision process will specify the criteria for the award of the contract/framework agreement, the reasons for the decision, including the characteristics and relative advantages, the name and score of the successful tender(s), and will specify when the standstill period is expected to end or the date before which the Contracting Authority will not conclude the contract / framework agreement.

If an appeal regarding the award of a contract / framework agreement has not been successfully resolved, the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).

Any such action must be brought promptly (generally within 3 months). The Court may order the setting aside of the award decision or may order the Contracting Authority to amend any document and may award damages.

If an agreement has been entered into the Court may make a declaration of ineffectiveness or may order that the duration of any relevant specific contract be

shortened and additionally may award damages.

The time limit for seeking such a declaration is generally 30 days from notification of the award (either by award decision notification or contract award notice depending upon the circumstances) or otherwise 6 month.