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Planning

16+ Semi-independent Living and Supported Accommodation for Looked after Children and Care Leaver Services 2021

Brighter Futures for Children

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Brighter Futures for Children

Civic Offices, Bridge Street

Reading

RG1 2LU

Email

corporate.procurement@reading.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKJ11 - Berkshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.reading.gov.uk

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/readingbc.aspx/Tenders/Current>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

16+ Semi-independent Living and Supported Accommodation for Looked after Children and Care Leaver Services 2021

Reference number

BFfC 00000929

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

All providers who wish to take part in this event on the 23rd March 10-11:30 am 2021 should express an interest and they will be sent a Microsoft TEAM link to the meeting. All of the meeting details and any questions and answers will be included when the tender is published in April 2021. Brighter Futures for Children (BFfC) is a not-for-profit private limited company that is wholly owned by Reading Borough Council. BFfC was established in December 2018 and has a single purpose which is to provide the best possible services to children, young people and families in Reading. BFfC has the statutory responsibility, on behalf of the council, for the delivery of children's social care, education, Youth Offending, Special Educational needs and Disabilities (SEND) and Early Help (both interventions and prevention). The BFfC Board has overall responsibility for overseeing how the organisation is run and providing advice on its future direction and strategy. There are seven members on the board including a Chair, Managing Director, Executive Directors and Expert Non-Executive Directors. Brighter Futures for Children currently uses a framework of approved providers to identify placements for young people aged 16 and over, requiring supported accommodation. This ITT is for a 4 year Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS), with an option to extend for up to 24 months. The DPS is expected to commence on 19th August 2021 to provide the specified services to Reading young people. The aim of this service is to make a successful transition progressing young people towards independent living by providing high quality accommodation and support whilst facilitating their personal well-being, ensuring safety and equipping them with the skills required to sustain an independent tenancy long

term. The service aims to provide a settled period in a safe environment where the young people will receive an intensive housing management and support service which will help them gain the necessary skills to live independently and achieve positive outcomes. The service includes a range of accommodation and support options for vulnerable young people, ranging from buildings based supported accommodation with staff on site to supported lodgings within the homes of trained hosts through supported tenancies. The Service Provider will provide accommodation and/or support for the following client groups: • Looked after children aged 16 plus including Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Minors • Care leavers (16-17) • Care leavers aged 18 plus who are awaiting access to social or private rented housing or whose needs require them to retain the accommodation and support.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £12,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ11 - Berkshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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To express an interest in this event all providers should register by 12 noon on the 22nd of March 2021 on the Council's e-tendering system at: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/readingbc/aspx/Home> and complete as instructed. The Portal is free of charge - to register please follow the supplier registration guidance which is available on the Portal.

II.2.14) Additional information

When the tender is published on In-Tend in April 2021 Organisations interested in expressing an interest in this procurement should download the procurement documents which are available on the Council's e-tendering system at: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/readingbc/aspx/Home> and complete as instructed. Contractors wishing to be considered for this tendering opportunity must complete the tender doc

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

12 March 2021

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes