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## **HCC02/24- Provision of Countywide Housing Advocacy for Victims of Domestic Abuse**

Hertfordshire County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-043abc

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Hertfordshire County Council

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HERTFORD

SG13 8DE

#### **Contact**

Strategic Procurement Group

#### **Email**

[simon.hastings@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:simon.hastings@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

#### **Telephone**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKH23 - Hertfordshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk)

Buyer's address

[www.supplyhertfordshire.uk](http://www.supplyhertfordshire.uk)

**I.3) Communication**

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

<http://www.supplyhertfordshire.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

HCC02/24- Provision of Countywide Housing Advocacy for Victims of Domestic Abuse

Reference number

HCC2315401

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 75123000 - Administrative housing services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Hertfordshire County Council (the 'Council') wishes to establish a contract for the provision of a countywide housing advocacy service for victims of domestic abuse and further information in regard to this opportunity can be found in II.2.4) Description of the procurement field Organisations wishing to take part in this project are invited to "express interest" which will give access to the full procurement documents in the e-tendering system. Please see VI.3) Additional information for further information. Any questions relating to this procurement must be made via the correspondence area in the e-Tendering system, in accordance with the procurement documents and can be addressed to the main contact as shown in the details above.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £750,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 75123000 - Administrative housing services

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services
- 85321000 - Administrative social services
- 85300000 - Social work and related services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Main site or place of performance

Hertfordshire

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Hertfordshire County Council (the 'Council') acting as lead commissioner on behalf of District funding partners wishes to procure a countywide housing advocacy service to support victims and survivors of domestic abuse who have a housing need, to access safe and suitable accommodation. The service will also provide domestic abuse training to housing teams. The service will be based on the Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (D A H A) housing advocacy model and forms part of a Whole Housing Approach. The aim of the service will be to increase housing stability and safety for all victims and survivors of domestic abuse. Housing advocates will be co-located with district and borough housing teams and will be that conduit between victims/survivors who have a housing need and the districts, through providing housing advocacy. The advocates will also be embedded in the local multi-disciplinary teams supporting homeless adults experiencing multiple disadvantages. The current service arrangements, which is running as a pilot, expires on 30 June 2024. The anticipated total annual joint expenditure for this Service is approximately GBP 200,000.00. Therefore the estimated total value of the Contract could be up to GBP 600,000.00. The Contract Period for this Contract is an initial period of two years with the option to extend by a further one year. Therefore, the maximum duration of this Contract could be three years, unless terminated in accordance with the provisions of the Contract. Please note that the requirements of the Contract will be subject to available financial resources, supplier performance and flexibility to meet changing demands. The Council will be entitled to enter into other Contracts and arrangements with other Providers for the provision of any, or all, of the requirements which are the same as, or similar to those specified under the established Contract. Organisations should be aware that due to the nature of the Services provided, any contract formed as a result of this procurement process shall be executed as a deed. Organisations should seek independent legal advice on the implications of this prior to submitting their bid, where appropriate.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100%

Price - Weighting: 0%

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £750,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Contract will be awarded for an initial period of Two (2) years with the option to extend for a further One (1) year-Therefore, the maximum duration of this Contract could be Three (3) years.

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

As described in tender documents

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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

Date

18 March 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

18 March 2024

Local time

12:00pm

Place

Hertfordshire

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **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**

Please note Hertfordshire County Council has worked closely with its districts and partners to create a joint procurement portal called supply Hertfordshire. This portal provides an e-Tendering system which is run by In-Tend. To access this procurement opportunity please visit [www.supplyhertfordshire.uk](http://www.supplyhertfordshire.uk) and follow the on-screen guidance. In accordance with Regulation 53 of The Public Contracts Regulations 2015, the Council's procurement documents are available within the e-Tendering system. This is a one stage procurement process. Therefore, if you wish to be considered as a tenderer you must complete and submit a tender by the specified closing date and time. Tender submissions cannot be uploaded after this return deadline. If you are experiencing problems In-Tend offer a help section which includes a dedicated UK support desk which can be contacted via email: [support@in-tend.co.uk](mailto:support@in-tend.co.uk) or Telephone: +44 1144070065 for any website/technical questions, Monday to Friday, 8:30-17:00. The Council reserves the right at any time to cease the procurement process and not award a Contract or to award only part of the opportunity described in this notice. If the Council takes up this right, then they will not be responsible for or pay the expenses or losses, which may be incurred by any organisation or tenderer as a result. The Council undertakes to hold confidential any information provided in the proposal submitted, subject to the Council's obligations under the law including the Freedom of Information Act 2000. If the organisation considers that any of the information submitted in the proposal should not be disclosed because of its sensitivity then this should be stated with the reason for considering it sensitive. The Council will then endeavour to consult with the applicant about such sensitive information when considering any request received under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 before replying to such a request. The Council reserves the right to carry out additional financial checks on all organisations bidding for this opportunity at any time during the procurement process. This is to ensure that they continue to meet the Council's requirements and remain financially viable to fulfil the requirements under the Contract.

## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

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 (when using electronic means) standstill period at the point information on the award of the Contract is communicated to tenderers. This period allows unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the decision to award a Contract before a contract is executed/signed (as appropriate). The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ('Regulations') provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Any such action must be brought promptly and within the time limits as defined in the above regulations. Where a Contract has not been entered into the court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order the contracting authority to amend any document and may award damages. If the contract has been entered into the court has the options to award damages and/or to shorten or

order the Contract ineffective.

**VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

High Court,

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom