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Tender

Isolation Accommodation for newly arrived Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children with Communicable Infectious Diseases (SC240023)

Kent County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=13d4e98b-2cc0-ee11-8127-005056b64545>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=13d4e98b-2cc0-ee11-8127-005056b64545>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

County Council

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Isolation Accommodation for newly arrived Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children with Communicable Infectious Diseases (SC240023)

Reference number

DN708669

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Kent County Council has a statutory responsibility for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking (UAS) Children under the Children Act 1989. In response to the High Court Ruling in July 2023, the Council is seeking a provider with immediate access to a registered Children's Home to accommodate those children under 16 arriving in the UK and require isolation due to suspected or confirmed communicable infectious diseases.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The services required to fulfill the offer of a Reception Centre is made up of:

- Accommodation for UASC males; must be single bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms

with

some shared facilities i.e., kitchen and dining facilities and shared lounges.

- Accommodation for staff such as offices, meeting rooms and communal areas to deliver the

independence skills required, various assessments and administrative functions.

- Housing support from the landlord including furniture, safety equipment such as CCTV and

concierge services.

- Support staff/Social Worker support.

Ideally, the Reception Centre must be able to flex to an increasing need, potentially by

having bedrooms and communal space of a size to fit more than one single male in one room.

Physical Accommodation Requirements

- A single building or grouped buildings on the same site of between 80-120 units. We will NOT be interested in small properties dispersed across the county.
- The building/grouped buildings must have the correct planning permission in place to be able to deliver this service to this specific cohort.
- A location within the geographical boundary of the East Kent or South Kent.
- Set in a discrete location to have minimal impact on the local community.
- Catering facility able to accommodate the number of occupants.
- Only male aged 16-17 occupancy.
- Minimum capacity of 80 placements, ideally up to 120 placements.
- Communal areas are available for socialising, lessons, and briefings.
- Low maintenance costs.

- Easy to repair given propensity for damage.
- Space for office accommodation for the SUASC Operational Team (22 staff).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

6

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: 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

Accelerated procedure

Justification:

This contract is being tendered under the Light Touch Regime, Chapter 3, regulations 73-76 of PCR 2015, please see the tender documents for further information. Therefore, the time frame has been shortened to two weeks, to enable KCC to secure sufficient capacity as quickly as possible.

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: [2024/S 000-002744](#)

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

Date

5 March 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

5 March 2024

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

This contract is being tendered under the Light Touch Regime, Chapter 3, regulations 73-76 of PCR 2015, please see the tender documents for further information.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The Kent County Council

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