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Opportunity

## **Regional Adoption Agency - Provider Panel for the Provision of Inter-agency Placements**

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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

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

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

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DURHAM

DH15UL

#### **Contact**

Donna Iley

#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

## **NUTS code**

UKC - North East (England)

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

[www.nepo.org](http://www.nepo.org)

## **I.3) Communication**

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

[www.nepo.org](http://www.nepo.org)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[www.nepo.org](http://www.nepo.org)

## **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**

Regional Adoption Agency - Provider Panel for the Provision of Inter-agency Placements

Reference number

NEPO Reference DN524413

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

Durham County Council is acting as the Lead Authority on behalf of the Regional Adoption Agency (RAA) known as Adopt Coast to Coast.

Adopt Coast to Coast consists of:

- Cumbria County Council
- Durham County Council
- Together for Children

The Members of the Adopt Coast to Coast are subject to change in accordance with the membership of Adopt Coast to Coast. Any members of Adopt Coast to Coast can access this provider panel.

The procurement will be conducted by the County Council of Durham on behalf of the Contracting Bodies of Adopt Coast to Coast.

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

Value excluding VAT: £5,500,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)

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

This contract is for the Regional Adoption Agency known as Adopt Coast to Coast - Provider Panel for the Provision of Inter-agency placements.

This will be an open and flexible arrangement where at the discretion of the Council(s) the Panel can be re-opened to allow additional Providers to join the Provider Panel.

On initial opening we wish to appoint a maximum of five Providers to the panel. During the lifetime of the contract the maximum number of providers on the panel is subject to change.

The Provider Panel Agreement provides for no form of exclusivity or volume guarantee by the Council(s) for Services from the Provider and that the Council(s) is at all times entitled to enter into other contracts and agreements with other Providers for the provision of any Services.

Each Provider should understand that their submission constitutes an acceptance to the Council(s) terms of the Provider Panel Agreement and merely affords the Provider the opportunity to respond to an invitation from the Council(s) for the provision of services (Competed Call-Offs).

This procurement is issued under an Open Tender process in line with Public Contracts Regulation 2015, under Regulation 74 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 for contracts for social and other specific services (Light Touch Regime).

Please see tender documents at [www.nepo.org](http://www.nepo.org) reference DN524413 for full details of award criteria

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

Value excluding VAT: £5,500,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Duration in months

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

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

#### **III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation**

List and brief description of rules and criteria

Please see tender documents at [www.nepo.org](http://www.nepo.org) reference DN524413 for full details of selection criteria

100% technical questions.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Form of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure**

Please see procurement documents for full details.

Award criteria is 100% technical questions.

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Date

30 April 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Prior Information Notice issued 10th March 2021 - 2021/S 000-004831

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

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

The High Court of England & Wales

The Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand,

London

WC2A 2LL

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

### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Contracting Authority incorporated a standstill period at the point information of the award of the Contract was communicated to bidders. That notification provided full information on the award decision. The standstill period which was for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provided time for the unsuccessful bidder to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into. The Public Regulations 2015 provide the 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).