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Planning

Independent Fostering

Hertfordshire County Council
Central Bedfordshire Council
Bedford Borough Council
Luton Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Hertfordshire County Council

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HERTFORD

SG138DQ

Email

strategic.procurement@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk>

I.1) Name and addresses

Central Bedfordshire Council

Chicksands, Shefford

Email

shelley.cummings@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH2 - Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/>

I.1) Name and addresses

Bedford Borough Council

Bedford

Email

shelley.cummings@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH24 - Bedford

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.bedford.gov.uk/>

I.1) Name and addresses

Luton Council

Luton

Email

shelley.cummings@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH21 - Luton

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://m.luton.gov.uk/>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

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

Independent Fostering

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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Agenda

- Needs across the area
- Sharing of the draft specification for comment or feedback
- Opportunity for providers to give their views, feedback and to ask questions around joining an Approved Provider List

Please contact Shelley Cummings at shelley.cummings@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk to confirm your attendance or with any queries. An MS Teams link will be forwarded to all those who confirm attendance.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH2 - Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 September 2024

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: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The Council's will consider the feedback received to help inform options and further decision making. For the avoidance of doubt, this stage of the project is not part of a formal procurement process and the Council's are not committing, at this stage, to carrying out such a process.

Participation or non-participation in the PPME shall not prevent any supplier participating in a potential future procurement, nor is it intended that any information supplied as part of the PPME shall place any supplier at an advantage in a potential procurement process.

Participation in this event will be at each organisation's own cost. No expense in responding to this market engagement will be reimbursed by the Councils.