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Contract

Local Authority Childcare Sufficiency Support Contract

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0371b6

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Local Authority Childcare Sufficiency Support Contract

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80110000 - Pre-school education services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This contract is for the provision of expert professional services (including peer support) to support local authorities (LAs) in fulfilling their statutory sufficiency duties. The support will be delivered in the Financial Years 2022-25 and will relate to supporting the delivery of sufficient childcare and early education places across local areas to meet parental demand for the early years entitlements and to ensure that there are sufficient places for children aged 0-14 (or up to 18 for disabled children) to enable parents to work or participate in education or training for employment.

The contractor will offer support to LAs in restoring or improving childcare sufficiency in their local areas through a mixed package of tailored support to diagnose sufficiency issues and assist LAs in implementing and embedding sustainable improvements. This will be delivered by:

1. Providing reactive support and challenge to LAs identified as failing (or at imminent risk of failing) in their duty to secure sufficient childcare for parents to work or participate in education or training, and for children eligible for the early education entitlements.
2. Providing proactive preventative and improvement support and challenge to LAs to facilitate the maintenance or improvement of local childcare sufficiency.
3. Where appropriate, administering discrete project funding to support LAs to implement recommendations made during the reactive or proactive support activity at 1 and 2 above where available finances are evidenced as a barrier to achieving the desired outcome.
4. Providing an overarching project management function to enable 1, 2 and 3 above.

This will include organisation of contract management activity including reporting and engaging with DfE, and evaluating support activity and funding outcomes.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £825,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This Open procurement was undertaken in accordance with Regulation 27 of PCR 2015 and conducted electronically via the Jaggaer e-tendering portal.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

con_19123

Title

Local Authority Childcare Sufficiency Support Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

18 January 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Hempsall Consultancies Limited

"Phoenix Square, Studio 2 15 Morledge Street

Leicester

LE1 1TA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

4746844

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £825,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

National Audit Office

London

Country

United Kingdom