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Contract

Direct Payment Support Services

Cumbria County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-036b3f

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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Buyer's address

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

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

Direct Payment Support Services

Reference number

DN634544

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Section 17A of the Children's Act 1989, inserted by the Health and Social Care Act 2001, gave councils a duty to offer Direct Payments for children's services. In making Direct Payments under section 17A of the 1989 Act, councils are subject to the general duty provided by Part 3 of that Act to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in need, and to promote their upbringing by their families when making these payments, in exactly the same way as when providing direct services. The power to make Direct Payments to people with parental responsibility for disabled children and to disabled 16 and 17-year-olds was created by the Carers and Disabled Children Act 2000.

If the Local Authority assesses a child or young person requires support to meet identified needs, these needs will be identified on a plan along with an identification of the services that can meet these needs.

If families do not want to use services directly provided or commissioned by the Authority, they have the option of receiving the support by Direct Payments instead.

A Direct Payment affords a family the flexibility to look beyond 'off-the-peg' service solutions provided by the Authority and choose from a range of alternative employment, education and leisure activities to meet their child's assessed needs. In many cases, the Direct Payment is used to employ a personal assistant to enable a child to access these activities.

Cumbria is currently undergoing a local government reorganisation and Government has announced that Cumbria County Council is to be replaced by two unitary authorities with effect from 01 April 2023. Cumbria County Council shall be entitled to novate/transfer the Contract(s) to any successor council as defined in The Local Government (Structural Changes) (Transfer of Functions, Property, Rights and Liabilities) Regulations 2008.

The contract has been separated into two specific Lots which cover the geographical footprints of the new authorities - Lot 1 Cumberland and Lot 2 Westmorland and Furness. It is anticipated that contract novation/transfer will occur in accordance with these lots.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

Value excluding VAT: £480,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 (Area) Allerdale, Carlisle & Copeland

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD1 - Cumbria

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents. / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

It will run for 12 months with one optional extension period of 12 months

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 (Area) Barrow-in-Furness, Eden & South Lakeland

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD1 - Cumbria

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 November 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

People First Independent Advocacy

People First Conference Centre, Milbourne Street,

Carlisle

CA2 5XB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD1 - Cumbria

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £216,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 November 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

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The contractor is an SME

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £264,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Her Majesty's Court Service

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom