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Contract

Framework Tender for Fostering Families and Adult Caring Households (Continuing Care and Aftercare) Services

Glasgow City Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0493ff

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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

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00196

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Framework Tender for Fostering Families and Adult Caring Households (Continuing Care and Aftercare) Services

Reference number

GCC006086SW

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

A Framework is being established with Providers registered as Fostering Services and Adult Placement Services to secure future Fostering Families and Adult Caring Household provision for children and young people who require to be looked after and accommodated away from home. From this point on any reference to Bidder will mean the Provider Organisation who is bidding to provide Fostering Families and Adult Caring Household services, referred to hereafter for ease as Fostering Families.

following award, Glasgow City Council (the Council) will establish a multi-supplier Framework. The awarded Bidders and Fostering Families will play a key role in supporting the Council to meet its statutory duties in providing care and support to children and young people who need to be Looked After or Looked After and Accommodated in a family setting. Awarded Bidders will work in collaboration and close partnership with Social Work staff and key partner agencies, including NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGGC) and Education services to deliver the outcomes for the children and young people as specified by the Council in the child or young person's My Plan. Contract Duration: 3 Years, plus the option to extend for a further 1 year.

Awarded Bidders will be expected to recruit Fostering Families from within the Glasgow City boundary. Where this is not possible, and to ensure the most compatible match for the child or young person, recruitment of Fostering Families within a 20 mile radius of the Glasgow City boundary and beyond will be considered.

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: £39,600,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Fostering Families

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation
- 85310000 - Social work services
- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 85320000 - Social services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

Main site or place of performance

Fostering Families placements should be made within a 20 mile radius of the Glasgow City boundary.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Lot tendered was for Fostering Family arrangements where there may be one or more child or young person, including the Fostering Family's own children or other fostered children or young people being cared for, depending on the Foster Families' registration.

This Lot also includes provision for Mother and Baby placements.

Age Group – 0 to 18 years (18th Birthday)

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.2.14) Additional information

Lot 1 is explicitly tied to Lot 3.

Bidders who applied to Lot 1 also bid for Lot 3.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Individual Fostering Families

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85300000 - Social work and related services
- 85310000 - Social work services
- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation
- 85320000 - Social services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

Main site or place of performance

Individual Fostering Family placements should be within a 20 mile radius of the Glasgow City boundary.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Lot tendered was for the provision of individual Fostering Families which require the

child or young person to be the only child or young person being cared for in the Fostering Family household. A key emphasis of the Fostering Family support is safeguarding, and will necessitate the carers being very experienced and suitably skilled to care for, and support the child or young person. Children and young people in this category may have neuro diversity profiles and may struggle to live in busy, noisy environments with multiple children, or young people, or children or young people may display behaviour which can pose a risk to themselves or others, including other children and young people.

This Lot also includes provision for Mother and Baby placements.

Age Group – 0 to 18 years (18th Birthday)

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.2.14) Additional information

Lot 2 is tied to Lot 3.

Bidders who applied to Lot 2 also bid for Lot 3.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Adult Caring Households (Continuing Care and Aftercare)

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85300000 - Social work and related services
- 85310000 - Social work services
- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation
- 85320000 - Social services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

Main site or place of performance

Adult Caring Household placements should be made within a 20 mile radius of the Glasgow City boundary.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The awarded Lot covers the provision of care to a young person who was formerly looked after away from home between the ages of 16 and 18 but is now no longer a Looked After Child (LAC) and who has opted to remain in their current placement (Continuing Care), or where the young person remains in placement on an Aftercare basis. Legal status becomes either Continuing Care until 21st Birthday, or Aftercare until the 26th Birthday.

This Lot also includes provision for Mother and Baby placements.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP) may, on occasion, seek Adult Caring Households for young people who have not previously lived with Fostering Families on a Foster Care basis.

GCHSCP is committed to the Staying Put agenda, and in supporting young people to remain in or move to Providers where they are happy, and their needs are met until they are ready to move towards greater independence. The care given will acknowledge and proactively support the growing maturity and increasing independent living skills of the young person.

Age Groups

Continuing Care 18 to 21 (21st birthday)

Aftercare 18 to 26 years (26th birthday)

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.2.14) Additional information

This Lot is tied to Lot 1 and Lot 2.

Bidders awarded could not bid for Lot 3 on it's own.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Providers for Children and Young People with Complex Learning, Physical Disability and Mental Health Conditions

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85300000 - Social work and related services
- 85310000 - Social work services
- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation
- 85320000 - Social services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

Main site or place of performance

Fostering Family and Adult Caring Household placements should ideally be within a 20 mile radius of the Glasgow City boundary.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Lot awarded is for the provision of Foster Family and Adult Caring Household based care for children and young people with very complex care needs. This requires the provision of Foster Families and Adult Caring Households where the Carers recruited already have, or are able and willing to develop particular skills and abilities to support children and young people with some or all of the following needs:

Non-verbal communication/communication through other methods

Needs that require specific training for the Provider and Providers, e.g. nutrition is met through percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (PEG) or stoma care

Significant daily and overnight physical care needs

Autistic Spectrum Disorder

Medical needs that require additional support and attendance at NHS appointments

Administration of medication/rescue medication (PRN)

Round the clock supervision

Ongoing CAMHs or other professionals' involvement

This list is not exhaustive.

This Lot also includes provision for Mother and Baby placements.

Examples of the range of disabilities expected to be covered by this Lot are included as part of the tender documents.

Age Group – 0 to 26 years (26th birthday)

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) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

IV.1.10) Identification of the national rules applicable to the procedure

Information about national procedures is available at:

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/102/pdfs/ukxi_20150102_en.pdf

IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure

Quality- 60%

Refer to section 11.11 of the ITT.

MEAT score was be calculated per Lot. To be eligible for award, Bidders achieved a minimum average quality score of 60 for part 1 Generic questions and to subsequently be eligible for award to Lots, Bidders achieved a minimum score of 60 in each Lot bid for.

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Commercial-40% lowest price = highest score.

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-027235](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

Title

Fostering Families

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

18 February 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 9

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 6

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: 9

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Aberlour Child Care Trust

135 Fifty Pitches Road

Glasgow

G51 4EB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Action for Children

City Park, 368 Alexandra Parade

Glasgow

G31 3AU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Barnardo's Scotland

111 Oxfangs Road North

Edinburgh

EH14 1ED

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Carevisions Fostering ltd

Apex 3 House,4th Floor, 95 Haymarket Terrace

Edinburgh

EH12 5HD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Foster Care Associates Scotland

Pavilion 3, Gateway Office Park, 7 Cambuslang Way

Glasgow

G32 8ND

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Adolescent and Children's Trust (TACT)

TACT Scotland Slateford House , 51-53 Lanark Road

Edinburgh

EH14 1TL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The National Fostering Agency (Scotland)

1st Floor, East Gateway, Beancross Rd

Grangemouth

FK3 8WH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Fosterplus Scotland

Bellway House , 7 Worcester Road

Bromsgrove

B61 7DL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £39,600,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

Individual Fostering Families

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

18 February 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 9

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 6

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: 9

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Aberlour Child Care Trust

135 Fifty Pitches Road

Glasgow

G51 4EB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Action for Children

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G31 3AU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Barnardo's Scotland

111 Oxbang Road North , Ambulance Station

Edinburgh

EH14 1ED

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Carevisions Fostering Ltd

Apex 3 House,4th Floor, 95 Haymarket Terrace

Edinburgh

EH12 5HD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Foster Care Associates Scotland

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G32 8ND

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

The contractor is an SME

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V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Bromsgrove

B61 7DL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Adolescent and Children's Trust (TACT)

TACT Scotland Slateford House , 51-53 Lanark Road

Edinburgh

EH14 1TL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The National Fostering Agency (Scotland)

1st Floor, East Gateway, Beancross Rd

Grangemouth

FK3 8WH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £39,600,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

3

Title

Adult Caring Households (Continuing Care and Aftercare)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

18 February 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 9

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 6

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: 9

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Aberlour Child Care Trust

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Country

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NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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Edinburgh

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Country

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NUTS code

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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Country

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NUTS code

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The contractor is an SME

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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Grangemouth

FK3 8WH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £39,600,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

4

Title

Providers for Children and Young People with Complex Learning, Physical Disability and Mental Health Conditions

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

18 February 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 8

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 6

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: 8

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Aberlour Child Care Trust

135 Fifty Pitches Road

Glasgow

G51 4EB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Quarriers

20 St Kenneth Drive

Glasgow

G514QD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Carevisions Fostering ltd

Apex 3 House,4th Floor, 95 Haymarket Terrace

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EH12 5HD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Country

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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: £39,600,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Qualifying Criteria that was used in this Tender is continued here

Bidders were required to confirm that they had achieved a minimum of Grade 3 across all inspected themes for their organisations most recent Care Inspectorate inspection for a Fostering Service OR

Where Bidders had not yet registered as a Fostering Service, Bidders were required to confirm that they had achieved a minimum of Grade 3 across all inspected themes for their most recent Care Inspectorate inspection for their organisation in one of the following - an Adult Placement Service or a Support Service or a Housing Support Service or a Registered Service related to the Care and Support of children. Registered Bidders were required to provide the most recent report for that service. Bidders registered for multiple categories provided the most recent Inspection Report overall. Bidders provided the Web link to the specific Inspection Report being referenced.

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Bidders were required to confirm that they would employ a Social Worker.

Bidders were required to confirm that they will ensure all staff involved in the delivery of services will be registered with SSSC.

Bidders were required to confirm that they will ensure all staff involved in the delivery of services will undergo PVG checks.

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The Council reserves the right at its own discretion to seek such other information from the Bidder in accordance with Regulation 61(7) or Regulation 61(8) of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 to prove the Bidder's economic and financial standing.

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Bidders appointed to the Framework will, during the lifetime of the Framework Agreement, inform the Council immediately of any material changes to the information provided in their submission in relation to economic and financial standing. This notice follows on from the PIN and Contract Notice previously issued.

LOT 5 NOT AWARDED

The introduction of a specific Short Break Service (Lot 5) was advertised and was new to the market. The bids received did not meet the service requirements, this Lot is therefore unfilled and GCHSCP will undertake further engagement with the market to determine next steps. Current operational processes will remain until a decision is reached on any re-tendering for Lot 5.

(SC Ref:791197)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Glasgow Sheriff Court

Sheriff Clerks Office PO Box 23 1 Carlton Place

Glasgow

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VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Glasgow City Council ("the Council") must, by notice in writing as soon as possible after the decision has been made, inform all bidders and candidates concerned of its decision to award the contract, conclude the Framework Agreement or establish a dynamic purchasing system. The Council must allow a period of at least the relevant standstill period (where the notice is sent by facsimile or electronic means the period is 10 days ending at midnight at the end of the 10th day after that on which the last notice is sent, when sent by other means the period is 15 days) to elapse between the date of despatch of the notice referred to in Regulation 85(1) of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 ("The Regulations"). The Council is obliged to comply with the regulations and any eligible economic operator can bring an action in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session where as a consequence of a breach by the Council, suffers or risks suffering loss or damage. The bringing of court proceedings during the standstill period means that the council must not enter into the contract, conclude the framework agreement or establish the dynamic purchasing system unless the proceedings are determined, discontinued or disposed of: or the court, by interim order, brings to an end the prohibition. The bringing of court proceedings after the standstill period has elapsed and the remedies that are available to the courts are detailed in the Regulations. Economic operators can write to the Council seeking further clarification on the notice, to which the Council must respond within 15 days. Economic Operators should be mindful to seek their own independent legal advice when they consider appropriate to do so.