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# Provision of Early Childhood Services through Children's Centres in the Borough of Bedford

**Bedford Borough Council** 

F02: Contract notice

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

## I.1) Name and addresses

**Bedford Borough Council** 

Cauldwell St, Bedford MK42 9AP

**Bedford** 

#### **Email**

commercial.hub@bedford.gov.uk

#### Country

**United Kingdom** 

#### **NUTS** code

UKH24 - Bedford

#### Internet address(es)

Main address

#### www.bedford.gov.uk

## I.3) Communication

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

https://in-tendhost.co.uk/bedford/aspx/Home

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to 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

Provision of Early Childhood Services through Children's Centres in the Borough of Bedford

Reference number

BBC CH 01268

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 85320000 - Social services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

Bedford Borough Council ('the Council') is wishing to contract for the management of early childhood services delivered through its network of Children's Centres. The Contractor will operate in line with the Ofsted framework April 2013 and local Bedford Borough strategies. The policy basis for the delivery of provision will be the National Core Purpose 2017 for Children's Centres which enables a flexible model of provision that is focused on tackling a range of local inequalities . This contract will be for an initial 5 year period, with an option to extend of 24 months.

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £7,140,000

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### II.2) Description

#### II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

• 85320000 - Social services

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UKH24 - Bedford

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

Bedford Borough Council ('the Council') is wishing to contract for the management of early childhood services delivered through its network of Children's Centres. Children's Centre services form a key element of the Council's offer of early help and preventative services and contribute to several strategic priorities for the Borough. Integrated services enable access to a range of support from pre-birth to five years. And delivering these services locally near to where people live will support the early identification of need and provides support for children and families as soon as a concern starts to emerge. Working together with key partners will ensure that early childhood services improve outcomes for our most vulnerable children and families, build family resilience and support families to sustain progressThe Contractor will operate in line with the Ofsted framework April 2013 and local Bedford Borough strategies. The policy basis for the delivery of provision will be the National Core Purpose 2017 for Children's Centres which enables a flexible model of provision that is focused on tackling a range of local inequalities.

#### II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £7,140,000

#### II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend for one period of 24 months

#### II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

#### 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: No

## IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

19 May 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

#### IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

19 May 2021

Local time

12:00pm

## **Section VI. Complementary information**

# VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

## VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Care Quality Commission

London

Country

**United Kingdom**