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Tender

CO0418 Business Support Services Future Growth Programme 2

Essex County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-044962

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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

I.3) Communication

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Login>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Login>

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

CO0418 Business Support Services Future Growth Programme 2

Reference number

DN709850

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 66000000 - Financial and insurance services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Essex County Council (ECC) are seeking to establish an integrated Business Support, Financial Support, Skills Consultancy & Brokerage service, to replace the existing Business Support Contract which expires in June 2024 and introduce additional service elements to create a holistic offer.

There will be a single lot with three main service areas:

- 1: General Business Support
- 2: Business Financial Advice and Support
- 3: Skills Consultancy and Brokerage Service

The service will be for a period of 21 months to run from 1st July 2024 to 31st March 2026.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,225,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

- 79340000 - Advertising and marketing services
- 72221000 - Business analysis consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The award criteria referenced in II.2.5 includes the applicable weightings:

- 40% - Price/Commercial
- 50% - Technical/Quality
- 10% - Social Value

The tender is subject to minimum scores on some of the quality questions and to maximum caps on price as set out in the published tender documents.

Bidders must be able to deliver the full requirements as set out in the Specification, including all 3 areas of service:

- General Business Support
- Business Financial Advice and Support

- Skills Consultancy and Brokerage Service

No variants or options will be accepted.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,225,000

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

Start date

1 July 2024

End date

31 March 2026

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

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

Date

15 April 2024

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

15 April 2024

Local time

12:05pm

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

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