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Tender

Dual Sensory Impairment - Aberdeen City

Aberdeen City Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00232

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<http://publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.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

Dual Sensory Impairment - Aberdeen City

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Aberdeen City Council has a requirement for the provision of a fully accessible dual sensory service across Aberdeen City for adults aged 16 and over. The duration of this contract is from 1st October 2021 to 30th September 2024, with two potential one-year extensions.

The Service shall offer support to individuals who have a range of issues relating to sight and hearing impairment and it shall also extend to the families and/or carers of Supported People. The Service shall also seek to raise public awareness around issues relating to sensory loss, train and educate professionals, as well as influence planning decisions to improve accessibility.

It is envisaged that the Service will provide varying levels of support, ranging from intensive support, for example, social work assessments, to low level, for example, newsletters. Interventions may be required at short notice and on an ad hoc basis therefore the service to people with a sensory loss needs to be responsive to need. The Service Provider will also maintain a register of visually impaired people on behalf of the Council.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,641,870

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Aberdeen City Council has a requirement for the provision of a fully accessible single sensory service across Aberdeen City (the “Service”) for adults aged 16 and over. The duration of this contract is from 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2024, with two potential one-year extensions.

The Service shall offer support to individuals who have a range of issues relating to sensory impairment (“Supported People”) and it shall also extend to the families and/or carers of Supported People. The Service shall also seek to raise public awareness around issues relating to sensory loss, train and educate professionals, as well as influence planning decisions to improve accessibility.

It is envisaged that the Service will provide varying levels of support, ranging from intensive support, for example, social work assessments, to low level, for example, newsletters. Interventions may be required at short notice and on an ad hoc basis therefore the service to people with a sensory loss needs to be responsive to need. The Service Provider will also maintain a register of visually impaired people on behalf of the Council.

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,641,870

II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement

Duration in months

36

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

The cost noted above is for the 3 year contract period and includes a budget of GBP28,000 per year for equipment. There is an option to extend the contract for a further 2 years.

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation

List and brief description of rules and criteria

Question 4C.1.2 - Relevant experience

Bidders will be required to provide examples that demonstrate that they have the relevant experience to deliver the services as described. A minimum of two examples will be required.

Question 4B.5 - The bidder confirms they already have or can commit to obtain, prior to the commencement of the contract, the levels of

insurance cover indicated in the relevant Contract Notice:

It is a requirement of this contract that bidders hold, or can commit to obtain prior to the commencement of any subsequently awarded

contract, the types and levels of insurance indicated below:

Employer's Liability Insurance = GBP10m

Public Liability Insurance = GBP5m

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure

PCST

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

4 June 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Question 4B.4 -

1.The Council shall obtain a Creditsafe credit check and will score bidders accordingly:

71 - 100 Very Low Risk – Accept

51 - 70 Low Risk - Accept

30 - 50 Moderate Risk – subject to further discussion internally with the option to reject.

21-29 High Risk – subject to further discussion internally with the option to reject.

1-20 Very High Risk – Reject.

2. Please state current turnover (if contract value is over 50% of reported turnover, further discussion will be had internally with the option

to reject).

3. If you are under no obligation to publish accounts on Companies House and/or do not have a comprehensive credit rating then provide

audited financial accounts for the previous two years. Both quick and current ratios should be a minimum of 1:1.5 for the two successive

years. Bidders whose ratios do not meet the minimum criteria will be rejected. Bidders who can provide audited accounts but chose not to

do so shall be rejected.

4. Bidders who have been trading for less than one year and cannot provide audited accounts must submit the cash flow for the current year

and a letter from the bank outlining the current cash and credit position for the current year and subsequent year. This will be subject to

internal discussion with the option to reject.

5. If bidder still does not meet the financial criteria for consideration but has a parent

company that does, the firm may still be eligible for

consideration where their submission is supported by a parent company guarantee.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 18522. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2361>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

The Scottish Public Sector is committed to the delivery of high quality public services, and recognises that this is critically dependent on a workforce which is well-rewarded, well-motivated, well-led, has access to appropriate opportunities for training and development, is diverse and inclusive, and can influence decision making. These factors are also important for workforce recruitment and retention, and thus continuity of service delivery.

Public bodies in Scotland are committed to applying the Fair Work First criteria in their own organisation and in publicly funded supply chains

Fair Work First is the Scottish Government's policy for driving good quality and fair work in Scotland. Through this approach, the Scottish Government, and its public sector partners, are asking bidders to describe how they are committed to progressing towards adopting and how they intend to continue embedding the five Fair Work First criteria:

appropriate channels for effective voice, such as trade union recognition

investment in workforce development

no inappropriate use of zero hours contracts

action to tackle the gender pay gap and create a more diverse and inclusive workplace; and,

providing fair pay for workers (for example, payment of the real Living Wage).

In order to ensure the highest standards of service quality in this contract we expect suppliers to commit to progressing towards adopting the five Fair Work First criteria in the delivery of this contract as part of a fair and equitable employment and reward package as a route to progressing towards wider fair work practices set out in the Fair Work Framework.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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