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Tender

Intensive Support - Children / Young People (Highland)

The Highland Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0613fe

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00045

I.3) Communication

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

www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.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

Intensive Support - Children / Young People (Highland)

Reference number

HSCC48

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The provision of an Intensive Support Service to Children and Young People to offer practical and emotional support to service users through offering help and guidance on matters such as safety planning, risks and management of risks, emotional support, health, education, harm reduction, substance use, training and where appropriate support with parenting skills. The service will typically deliver support to service users who have been exposed to criminal activity, offending behaviours, exploitation, and involvement with the Children's Hearings System (although this is not an exhaustive list). It will also offer support to Parent/Carers/Guardians.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £909,316

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

- 85312000 - Social work services without accommodation

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

An Intensive Support Service for Children and Young People offering practical and emotional support to service users through offering help and guidance on matters such as safety planning, risks and management of risks, emotional support, health, education, harm reduction, substance use, training and where appropriate support with parenting skills. The service will typically deliver support to service users who have been exposed to criminal activity, offending behaviours, exploitation, and involvement with the Children's Hearings System (although this is not an exhaustive list). It will also offer support to Parent/Carers/Guardians.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 90

Price - Weighting: 10

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

Start date

1 October 2026

End date

31 March 2030

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract term is thirty months plus the option to extend by up to 12 months.

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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

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

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

Details of reviewing performance are contained in the tender documentation.

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2025/S 000-808026](#)

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

Date

20 March 2026

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

20 March 2026

Local time

12:00pm

Place

Highland Council Headquarters, Inverness

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Authorised Council officers opening on PCS-Tender.

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: Summer 2029

VI.3) Additional information

Tender will be uploaded onto PCS-Tender during week commencing 2nd February 2026.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 31058.

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

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

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

Community Benefits including Fair Working Practices and Environmental Benefits will form part of the evaluation criteria.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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