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Contract

Framework Agreement for the Placement of Children and Young People with Independent Fostering Agencies - Fourth Anniversary Re-Opening

Southampton City Council

Portsmouth City Council

West Berkshire Council

Bournemouth Christchurch & Poole Council (incorporating the former Bournemouth Borough Council, Poole Borough Council and Christchurch Borough Council).

Surrey County Council

Reading Borough Council

Bracknell Forest Council

Isle of Wight Council

Wokingham Borough Council

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

Slough Children's Services Trust

Oxfordshire County Council

Dorset Council (incorporating the former Dorset County Council, except the former Christchurch Borough Council).

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Southampton City Council

Civic Centre, Guildhall Square

Southampton

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+44 2380833000

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKJ32 - Southampton

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.southampton.gov.uk

Buyer's address

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0747

I.1) Name and addresses

Portsmouth City Council

3rd Floor Civic Offices, Guildhall Walk

Portsmouth

PO1 2AL

Email

procurement@southampton.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKJ31 - Portsmouth

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.portsmouth.gov.uk

Buyer's address

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=

I.1) Name and addresses

West Berkshire Council

3rd Floor Civic Offices, Guildhall Walk

Newbury

RG14 5LD

Email

procurement@southampton.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKJ11 - Berkshire

National registration number

Council Offices, Market St

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.westberks.gov.uk

Buyer's address

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=

I.1) Name and addresses

Bournemouth Christchurch & Poole Council (incorporating the former Bournemouth Borough Council, Poole Borough Council and Christchurch Borough Council).

Town Hall, Bourne Avenue

Bournemouth

BH2 6DY

Email

procurement@southampton.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKK2 - Dorset and Somerset

National registration number

Council Offices, Market St

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=

I.1) Name and addresses

Surrey County Council
Unit 4, Mole Business Park
Leatherhead
KT22 7BA

Email

procurement@southampton.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

National registration number

Council Offices, Market St

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.surreycc.gov.uk

Buyer's address

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=

I.1) Name and addresses

Reading Borough Council
Civic Offices, Bridge Street
Reading
RG1 2LU

Email

procurement@southampton.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKJ11 - Berkshire

National registration number

Council Offices, Market St

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.reading.gov.uk

Buyer's address

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=

I.1) Name and addresses

Bracknell Forest Council

Time Square,Market street

Bracknell

RG12 1JD

Email

procurement@southampton.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKJ11 - Berkshire

National registration number

Council Offices, Market St

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Buyer's address

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=

I.1) Name and addresses

Isle of Wight Council

c/o Community Services Directorate, 17 Fairlee Road, Isle of Wight

Newport

PO30 2EA

Email

procurement@southampton.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKJ34 - Isle of Wight

National registration number

Council Offices, Market St

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=

I.1) Name and addresses

Wokingham Borough Council

Shute End

Wokingham

RG40 1BN

Email

procurement@southampton.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKJ11 - Berkshire

National registration number

Council Offices, Market St

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.wokingham.gov.uk

Buyer's address

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=

I.1) Name and addresses

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

Town Hall, St Ives Road

Maidenhead

SL6 1RF

Email

procurement@southampton.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKJ11 - Berkshire

National registration number

Council Offices, Market St

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.rbwm.gov.uk

Buyer's address

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=

I.1) Name and addresses

Slough Children's Services Trust

St Martins Place, 51 Bath Road

Slough

SL1 3UF

Email

procurement@southampton.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKJ11 - Berkshire

National registration number

Council Offices, Market St

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.scstrust.co.uk

Buyer's address

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=

I.1) Name and addresses

Oxfordshire County Council

County Hall, New Road

Oxford

OX1 1ND

Email

procurement@southampton.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

National registration number

Council Offices, Market St

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk

Buyer's address

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=

I.1) Name and addresses

Dorset Council (incorporating the former Dorset County Council, except the former Christchurch Borough Council).

County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester

Dorchester

DT1 1XJ

Email

procurement@southampton.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKK2 - Dorset and Somerset

National registration number

Council Offices, Market St

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

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 Agreement for the Placement of Children and Young People with Independent Fostering Agencies - Fourth Anniversary Re-Opening

Reference number

EC09/01/2422(21)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a notice for social and specific services in accordance with Directive 2014/24/EU

Article 74 to deliver Fostering services. Thirteen (13) local authorities: Southampton City Council, Portsmouth City Council, Oxfordshire County Council, Bournemouth Christchurch & Poole Council, Dorset Council, Isle of Wight Council, Surrey County Council, Reading Borough Council, Slough Children's Services Trust, Wokingham Borough Council, Bracknell Forest Council, the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead and West Berkshire Council, (thereby referred to as The Councils) are working together to improve placement choice and quality for the children and young people they look after. In order to improve placement choice and quality, the Councils wish to work in partnership with a number of providers who can demonstrate that they have the ability to deliver high quality independent foster care services, and work in partnership to ensure a range of placements are available based within or near the Councils boundaries.

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: £55,100,952

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 a to 1c: Children aged 0-4 , 5-10 & aged 11+

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Please see short description under II.1.4.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Children with Disabilities

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)
- UKJ - South East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Please see short description under II.1.4.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Parent and Child Placements

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)
- UKJ - South East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Please see short description under II.1.4.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Alternative to Residential Placements

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Please see short description under II.1.4.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

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.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2020/S 219-539037](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

Title

Lot 1 a to 1c: Children aged 0-4 , 5-10 & aged 11+

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

26 March 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 8

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 7

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 8

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

Be My Family Fostering Agency Ltd

11 St Albans Ave, Feltham

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Internet address

<http://bemyfamilyfostering.co.uk/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Affinity Fostering Services Ltd

North Wing Ingatestone Hall, Hall Lane, Ingatestone

Essex

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH3 - Essex

Internet address

<https://affinityfostering.com/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Connect Fostering Services Ltd

Connect House, 16 College Ave

Harrow Wealdstone

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI74 - Harrow and Hillingdon

Internet address

<https://www.connectfostering.com/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Fostering Innovations

Room No. 519 & 520, The Atrium, 1 Harefield Road

Uxbridge

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Internet address

<https://fostering-innovations.co.uk/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Help Me Grow Fostering

Annerley Town Hall, Annerley Road, Annerley

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Internet address

<https://hmgfostering.com/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Silver Lining Fostering Ltd

The Vista Centre, 50 Salisbury Road

Hounslow

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI75 - Hounslow and Richmond upon Thames

Internet address

<https://www.silverliningfostering.co.uk/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Time Out Fostering

13 South Street

Lancing

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ27 - West Sussex (South West)

Internet address

<https://www.timeoutfostering.co.uk/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Compass Fostering West Limited

Mountfields House, Off Squirrel Way, Epinal Way

Loughborough

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF21 - Leicester

Internet address

<https://www.compassfostering.com/>

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £44,039,700

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

Children with Disabilities

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

26 March 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 5

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 6

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Be My Family Fostering Agency Ltd

11 St Albans Ave, Feltham

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Internet address

<http://bemyfamilyfostering.co.uk/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Affinity Fostering Services Ltd

North Wing Ingatestone Hall, Hall Lane, Ingatestone

Essex

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH3 - Essex

Internet address

<https://affinityfostering.com/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Connect Fostering Services Ltd

Connect House, 16 College Ave

Harrow Wealdstone

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI74 - Harrow and Hillingdon

Internet address

<https://www.connectfostering.com/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Help Me Grow Fostering

Annerley Town Hall, Annerley Road, Annerley

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Internet address

<https://hmgfostering.com/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Time Out Fostering

13 South Street

Lancing

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ27 - West Sussex (South West)

Internet address

<https://www.timeoutfostering.co.uk/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Compass Fostering West Limited

Mountfields House, Off Squirrel Way, Epinal Way

Loughborough

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF21 - Leicester

Internet address

<https://www.compassfostering.com/>

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,925,640

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

3

Title

Parent and Child Placements

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

26 March 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 5

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 6

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Be My Family Fostering Agency Ltd

11 St Albans Ave, Feltham

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Internet address

<http://bemyfamilyfostering.co.uk/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Affinity Fostering Services Ltd

North Wing Ingatestone Hall, Hall Lane, Ingatestone

Essex

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH3 - Essex

Internet address

<https://affinityfostering.com/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Connect Fostering Services Ltd

Connect House, 16 College Ave

Harrow Wealdstone

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI74 - Harrow and Hillingdon

Internet address

<https://www.connectfostering.com/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Help Me Grow Fostering

Annerley Town Hall, Annerley Road, Annerley

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Internet address

<https://hmgfostering.com/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Time Out Fostering

13 South Street

Lancing

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ27 - West Sussex (South West)

Internet address

<https://www.timeoutfostering.co.uk/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Compass Fostering West Limited

Mountfields House, Off Squirrel Way, Epinal Way

Loughborough

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF21 - Leicester

Internet address

<https://www.compassfostering.com/>

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £711,612

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

4

Title

Alternative to Residential Placements

A contract/lot is awarded: No

V.1) Information on non-award

The contract/lot is not awarded

No tenders or requests to participate were received or all were rejected

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The Councils that are part of this consortium are subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (the Information Acts) and all correspondence received from Bidders may be subject to disclosure in accordance with the Information Acts. If any tenderer considers that any of the information it submits to the Councils is exempt from disclosure under the Information Acts then this should be stated in writing at the time the information is supplied together with the reason for considering it exempt. On receipt of an information request relating to the information considered exempt the Councils will, where reasonably practicable, consult with the relevant tenderer in considering any request for disclosure before disclosing such information. This notice is advising of the outcome of the anniversary reopening in 2020 when the Framework Agreement for the Provision of Independent Fostering Agency Services, Reference Number: EC09/01/2422 was re-advertised.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Public Procurement Review Service

Cabinet Office

London

Email

publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

Telephone

+44 3450103503

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>