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Awarded contract

## **Regional Adoption Agency - Provider Panel for the Provision of Inter-agency Placements.**

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract award notice

Notice reference: 2021/S 000-011923

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

County Hall

DURHAM

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#### **Contact**

Donna Iley

#### **Email**

[donna.iley@durham.gov.uk](mailto:donna.iley@durham.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

## **NUTS code**

UKC - North East (England)

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.durham.gov.uk](http://www.durham.gov.uk)

Buyer's address

[www.nepo.org](http://www.nepo.org)

## **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

## **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Regional Adoption Agency - Provider Panel for the Provision of Inter-agency Placements.

Reference number

DN524413

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Durham County Council is acting as the Lead Authority on behalf of the Regional Adoption Agency (RAA) known as Adopt Coast to Coast.

Adopt Coast to Coast consists of:

- Cumbria County Council
- Durham County Council
- Together for Children

The Members of the Adopt Coast to Coast are subject to change in accordance with the membership of Adopt Coast to Coast. Any members of Adopt Coast to Coast can access this provider panel.

The procurement will be conducted by the County Council of Durham on behalf of the Contracting Bodies of Adopt Coast to Coast.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Lowest offer: £1 / Highest offer: £5,500,000 taken into consideration

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKC14 - Durham CC
- UKC23 - Sunderland
- UKD1 - Cumbria

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

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The Provider Panel Agreement provides for no form of exclusivity or volume guarantee by the Council(s) for Services from the Provider and that the Council(s) is at all times entitled to enter into other contracts and agreements with other Providers for the provision of any Services.

Each Provider should understand that their submission constitutes an acceptance to the Council(s) terms of the Provider Panel Agreement and merely affords the Provider the opportunity to respond to an invitation from the Council(s) for the provision of services (Competed Call-Offs).

This procurement is issued under an Open Tender process in line with Public Contracts Regulation 2015, under Regulation 74 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 for contracts for social and other specific services (Light Touch Regime).

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Form of procedure**

Open procedure

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-006208](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

27 May 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

ARC Adoption North East Ltd

Sunderland

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC23 - Sunderland

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £5,500,000

Lowest offer: £1 / Highest offer: £5,500,000 taken into consideration

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

The High Court of England & Wales

The Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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