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Planning

SCC - SF - Market Engagement Event for Independent Alternative Provision June 2024

Surrey County Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Prior information notice without call for competition

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login?cid=surreycc#>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

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Reference number

DN2609

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Surrey County Council (SCC) is looking to further develop its Independent Alternative Provision Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) and would like to hear from organisations who have experience in this area of provision. This is not an invitation to tender.

Following the Market Engagement Workshops and events in 2023 and culminating to the first successful opening of the DPS, Surrey County Council warmly invites you to take part in our Market Engagement Event for potential and existing providers of Independent Alternative provision. This includes Non-Maintained Independent (NMI) provision who may wish to contribute to Surrey County Council's Independent Alternative Provision (AP) community.

Independent Alternative Provision is provision largely for one-to-one support, children and young people who require specialist intervention (in many cases but not exclusively for their additional needs) which in many cases is delivered in the home or in the community with the support of / or at the request of families.

This may include:

- Tutoring (QTS qualified and non QTS qualified)
- Specialist teachers

- Services supporting education
- Community based service(s) (for example, equine care)
- Registered therapy (such as physiotherapy, speech & language or Occupational)
- Post-16 Support Services & pathways

The purpose of this event will be to:

- Summarise feedback received from Providers at the previous Market Events
- Provide additional opportunity to provide tips / areas to consider around the next tender window.
- Share with potential providers information around the service specification and pricing schedule model for admission to the DPS
- Provide information on registering to the e-tendering system Proactis and share resources to support Providers with using the system; and
- Outline next steps in the procurement process and proposed timetable

Any interested organisation or consortium with the experience, capability and capacity to deliver Independent Alternative Provision services as laid out in this PIN notice may register for the Market Engagement Event. The Commissioning organisations welcome collaborations and partnerships organised within a lead provider model.

It is anticipated that the tender opportunity will be published by Mid-June 2024 through Proactis: <https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login?cid=surreycc#>

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80100000 - Primary education services

- 80200000 - Secondary education services
- 80310000 - Youth education services
- 80340000 - Special education services
- 80500000 - Training services
- 85142100 - Physiotherapy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Our context:

Surrey County Council is embarking on an ambitious programme of change in relation to children's Independent Alternative Provision, as we look to work with our partners and providers to strengthen the provision we have available in Surrey, enabling better outcomes for children and young people. We are beginning to develop our future offer and we would like to invite potential and existing providers to play a key part in shaping this.

Ultimately, it is SCCs aim to ensure that every child and young person placed within Alternative Provision (if required):

- Develop the skills and confidence to return to and access mainstream education (if appropriate)
- Be safe and happy in any alternative provision(s) that they access
- Develop the skills and confidence to transition to adulthood, including work opportunities (apprenticeships, post-16 education)
- Has the option to access and contribute to local opportunities within their communities

Aligned to the SEND green paper, Independent AP should be seen as an important part of the overall education support offer for children and young people that require it.

The Specification will set out our intention to commission face-to-face and online services.

Surrey County Council is committed to working collaboratively with providers to develop a high-quality provision that contributes to improved outcomes for our children. We look forward to receiving your response and hearing your thoughts and ideas at the events.

Registration Details:

Potential and existing providers wishing to attend should register via the Teams Webinar link below.

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/ad92e2b8-78b0-4c00-bf7d-1c8be16e8958@d961b545-104c-4ed0-8582-1f570f0595cd>

This event will be delivered virtually via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 4th June 2024 at 10am – 11am.

Please note that attendance will be limited to 3 attendees per organisation. Please do not share the link wider than those registered.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you,

Surrey County Council,

Children, Families and Lifelong Learning (CFLL) Commissioning Team

An expression of interest to attend this Market Engagement Event is no indication of a commitment to participate in the future tender process nor does it infer any special status on those Providers who do attend. An expression of interest in this event will not automatically entitle involvement in any future procurement exercise. Any procurement conducted as a result of this event will be advertised separately and all organisations wanting to participate will need to respond to the advertisement as and when it is published. Providers who do not attend this Market Engagement Event will still be able to apply for the Procurement in the future. Please note that this Market Engagement event does not represent a formal stage in the procurement process and attendance will play no part in any subsequent evaluation process.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

17 June 2024

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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