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Tender

## **Housing Support Services to Women Experiencing or at Risk of Violence**

North Ayrshire Council

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-012354

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04fb91

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

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

North Ayrshire Council

Cunninghame House, Friars Croft

Irvine

KA12 8EE

#### **Email**

[Andrewkerr@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:Andrewkerr@north-ayrshire.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00337](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00337)

### **I.3) Communication**

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

<https://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

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

### **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**

Housing Support Services to Women Experiencing or at Risk of Violence

Reference number

NAC-5183

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

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

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

Services

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

The requirement of this contract is to provide a specialist accommodation and housing support service to women who are experiencing, or are at risk of, violence. Women approach the service predominately seeking refuge/and or housing support, however, women are also offered advisory and emotional support where required. The service provides a range of accommodation throughout North Ayrshire. There is additional support provided across all tenures where women are at risk of violence.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,599,384

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

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

North Ayrshire Council ("NAC") invites tenders for the provision of the requirement of this contract is to provide a specialist accommodation and housing support service to women who are experiencing, or are at risk of, violence. Women approach the service predominately seeking refuge/and or housing support, however, women are also offered advisory and emotional support where required. The service provides a range of accommodation throughout North Ayrshire. There is additional support provided across all tenures where women are at risk of violence.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

12 month extension included.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **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

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## **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

Where it is required, within a bidder's country of establishment they must confirm which authorisation or memberships of the relevant organisation(s) are required in order to perform this service.

Bidders must confirm if they hold the particular authorisation or memberships

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria

Bidders will be required to have a minimum yearly "specific" turnover of (799,692.00)GBP for the last 3 years in the business area covered by the contract.

Bidders who cannot meet the required level of turnover will be excluded from this tender.

Where turnover information is not available for the time period requested, the bidder will be required to state the date which they were set up or started trading.

It is a requirement of this contract that bidders hold, or can commit to obtain prior to the commence of any subsequently awarded contract, the types and levels of insurance indicated below:

Employer's (Compulsory) Liability Insurance = [10 million]GBP in respect of any one event

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/hse40.pdf>

Public Liability Insurance [10 million]GBP in respect of any one event

Professional Indemnity Insurance [5 million]GBP in the aggregate

Third-Party Motor Vehicle Insurance

A valid motor vehicle certificate must be held in the company name or (where there is no fleet but rather the company permits its employees to use their personal vehicles for business purposes), a letter signed by a person of appropriate authority - confirming that

the company has ongoing arrangements in place to ensure their employees' vehicles are appropriately insured and maintained.

### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria

Bidders are required to provide 1 example of services carried out in the past 3 years that demonstrates they have the relevant experience to deliver the services described in the Contract Notice. The services must be of a similar value, size and scope. Unsatisfactory experience will result in exclusion from the tender process.

Bidders must also provide 1 satisfactory references for the same contract on the reference templates provided. References should be completed and signed by previous customers for contracts of a similar value, size and scope. If any of the referees score the bidder less than 2 the bidder will be excluded from the tender process.

Completed experience and reference templates must be zipped and uploaded at question 4C.1 of the qualification envelope.

Bidders are required to confirm details of the technicians or technical bodies who they can call upon, especially those responsible for quality control.

Bidders are required to confirm the supplier's staff have the following relevant educational and professional qualifications:

Staff providing advice and information must be trained to the National Standards Type 2. Staff providing Advocacy must be trained to Type 3 as outlined within Scottish National Standards for Information and Advice Providers.

All staff delivering support must have attended Child Protection training and Adult Support and Protection training and any other relevant training as identified.

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

Date

1 May 2025

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

1 May 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: Yes, will be re-tendered upon expiry if the funding is available.

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Lots are not being used for this tender for the reason(s) stated below:

Delivery of the contract is location specific.

Quality Management Procedures

1. The bidder must hold a UKAS (or equivalent) accredited independent third-party certificate of compliance in accordance with BS EN ISO 9001 (or equivalent) or a documented policy regarding quality management, see attachment at SPD question 4D.1.

Health and Safety Procedures

1. The bidder must hold a UKAS (or equivalent) accredited independent third-party certificate of compliance in accordance with ISO 45001 (or equivalent) or have, within the last 12 months, successfully met the assessment requirements of a construction-related scheme in registered membership of the Safety Schemes in Procurement (SSIP) forum or the bidder must have a regularly reviewed and documented policy for Health and Safety management, see attachment at SPD question 4D.1.

Bidders may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 28746. 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: <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 will be required on a mandatory for:

- Employment
- Employability & Skills
- SMEs
- TSOs
- Education
- Community Wish List (<http://northayrshire.community/community-benefits-wishlist-application-form/>)

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

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

Kilmarnock Sheriff Court

Sheriff Court House, St Marnock Street

Kilmarnock

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United Kingdom

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