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Contract

Social Work Assessed and Supported Year in Employment Con_13495

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Social Work Assessed and Supported Year in Employment Con_13495

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The ASYE programme is an, employer-led, induction programme that incentivises employers to provide bespoke support to their newly qualified social workers (NQSWs) as they transition into frontline practice. It is key to growing confidence amongst NQSWs and therefore influences the quality of support and service provided to vulnerable children and their families.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,409,995

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Main site or place of performance

The service is available to local authorities in England.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This is a single contract to deliver the funding and support for employers to deliver a comprehensive programme for NQSWs that is

effective in providing support in their first year of practice and tailored to meet the needs of participants on the ASYE programme across England. The programme provides meaningful engagement with employers and NQSWs to continue to build on programme strengths

and further the impact of improving the quality of social work practice and retention of child and family social workers from all backgrounds.

The contract requires the development and management of a system to administer payments to employers and associated registration and administration

activity as well as allowing employers to register as providers of the ASYE programme. This includes allowing employers to register when individual social

workers commence, transfer, withdraw or complete their ASYE.

A key objective of the contract will be to establish and build relationships with the sector and effectively communicate the requirements of the ASYE programme including details of how to participate, access funding and the responsibilities of each party. The contract will also identify and support employers to develop, implement and share best practice, including establishing a best practice quality assurance framework for the ASYE programme for employers to quality assure their own provision, and other resources, tools and guidance that support a high-quality ASYE experience for NQSWs. The contractor will be the public face of the ASYE in the sector and should be seen to be leading the drive for effective delivery. Quality assurance and continuous improvement are key.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Specification / Weighting: 60

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Developing the Pricing Model / Weighting: 5

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 25

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

This contract will be for an initial period of 2 years with options to be exercisable under the contract to extend the contract for a period or periods up to a further 24 months depending on business needs.

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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

In response to an open procedure a single irregular tender was submitted. The Department proceeded under Reg 26(4)(b) and Reg 26(5) to apply a negotiated procedure without prior publication as only an irregular tender had been submitted.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

Con_13495

Title

Contract for Assessed and Supported Year in Employment

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 March 2022

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

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Skills for Care Limited

6 Grace Street, West Gate

Leeds

LS1 2RP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,409,995

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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