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Contract

Independent Fostering Framework Agreement

Kent County Council

Medway Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKJ4 - Kent

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.kent.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<http://www.kent.gov.uk>

I.1) Name and addresses

Medway Council

Gun Wharf, Dock Road

Chatham

ME4 4TR

Contact

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ4 - Kent

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

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

Independent Fostering Framework Agreement

Reference number

DN567302

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Kent County Council and Medway Council have awarded a framework agreement to a number of Independent Fostering Providers who will provide a range of stable, high-quality foster care homes for children 0-18 years old that value, support and encourage them to grow and develop as individuals. In addition to promoting their health and general well-being the Providers need to be committed to ensuring that their foster carers recognise the importance of the educational achievement of Children in Care and work with us in raising their academic attainment.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

Lowest offer: £1 / Highest offer: £68,900,000 taken into consideration

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

- Short Term/Task Centred/Bridging, up to 12 months
 - Long Term or permanent homes (as per the Care/Placement Plan; 12 months and over)
 - Parent(s) and Child(ren)
 - Short Break Homes
 - Children with Disabilities
 - Solo homes, with no other children/young people within the fostering household.
 - Homes for large sibling groups to enable brothers and sisters to live together.
 - Emergency foster care beds, where foster carers are able to care for children without the usual planning and/or thorough assessment process having taken place because of the need to ensure the immediate safety and welfare of the child.
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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 100

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

Lot 2

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A small number of our children and young people in care, are placed within a residential children's home due to the complexity of their needs during a specific period in their

childhood. For some, past adverse family experiences may lead to poor emotional and mental health expressed through depression, self-harming behaviours or separation anxieties and attachment disorders. They are often highly vulnerable young people whose behaviour could be perceived to make them or others more at risk

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 100

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

Lot 3

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

We are seeking specialist foster carers, predominantly for adolescents. For some, past adverse family experiences may have led to poor emotional and mental health expressed through depression, self-harming behaviours or separation anxieties and attachment disorders. They are often highly vulnerable young people whose behaviour could be perceived to make them or others more at risk.

These young people:

- may be stepping down from residential care or
- more likely requiring a fostering home at short notice (similar to an Emergency Bed).

The foster carers will need to care for a young person with complex needs and potentially a number of risk-taking behaviours which may include violence, absconding, offending and gang association. It is expected that these would be predominately a solo arrangement.

The level of complexity and need of these young people are above the thresholds that the Placing Authorities would source as part of an enhanced placement through its IFP Fostering Framework Agreement. It is anticipated that only a very small number of these young people would require this type of fostering home in any given year.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 100

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

SC221033

Lot No

1

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

3 April 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 11

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 11

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

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

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 11

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Banya Family Placement Ltd

Office 18 64-66 Wingate Square

London,

SW4 0AF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

National registration number

03161115

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Channels and Choice

33 West Street

Brighton, East Sussex,

BN1 2RE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

National registration number

08377728

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Family Fostering

The Marlowe Innovation Centre,

Ramsgate

CT8 8JN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

National registration number

8900967

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Fostering Together

East Brabourne

TN25 5LL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

National registration number

12267117

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Lighthouse Fostering

Quayside House, Standard Quay

Faversham,

ME13 7BS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

National registration number

8922770

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Outset Fostering Agency

The Wenta Business Centre, 1 Electric Avenue,

Enfield,

EN3 7XU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

National registration number

12326599

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Sunbeam Fostering Agency

12 Waterside Drive

Langley

SL3 6EZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

National registration number

03948662

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Young People at Heart

Weybridge

KT13 9QZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

National registration number

09198997

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

First Steps Fostering

Ramsgate

CT12 5GD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

National registration number

14011155

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Lowest offer: £1 / Highest offer: £68,900,000 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The estimated value of the service over the 4 years is as follows but no guarantee is given as to the actual value of the contract:

Kent County Council Estimated 4 year spend = £44.4million

Medway Council Estimated 4 year spend = £24.5million

Following submission of the Standard Selection Questionnaire (SSQ) the approach to evaluation was based on a 100% overall weighted Quality section followed by a ranking of the Standard prices which were submitted

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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