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Tender

EDC/2023/3939 Early Learning and Childcare Flexible Framework (Childminders)(Reopening February 2026)

East Dunbartonshire Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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UKM81 - East Dunbartonshire, West Dunbartonshire and Helensburgh & Lomond

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00225

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

EDC/2023/3939 Early Learning and Childcare Flexible Framework (Childminders)(Reopening February 2026)

Reference number

EDC/2023/3939

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80110000 - Pre-school education services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The provision of early learning and childcare services.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80110000 - Pre-school education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM81 - East Dunbartonshire, West Dunbartonshire and Helensburgh & Lomond

Main site or place of performance

East Dunbartonshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provision of early learning and childcare services.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

II.2.14) Additional information

This is a flexible framework, therefore new applicants can apply at any point throughout the duration of the contract. Providers who are already on the framework do not need to apply again.

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

As per information within the tender documents.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

Please complete the attached Financial Vetting Questionnaire. The Contract Value on this should be completed by the bidder based on the estimated annual intake from this contract.

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

Must meet the criteria stated, within the time periods stated, within the tender documents.

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 20

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

18 March 2026

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

18 March 2026

Local time

12:00pm

Place

Marina, Kirkintilloch

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Procurement

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

East Dunbartonshire Council wish to seek submissions from suitably qualified and experienced providers to supplement its existing Framework for Early Years Childminders ref EDC/2023/3939.

The previously advertised flexible framework allows for re-opening to new Providers. In accordance with its terms, it is now being opened for New Entrants to be admitted under the same requirements as the original tender exercise and as noted herein.

PLEASE NOTE PROVIDERS ALREADY APPOINTED TO THE FRAMEWORK ARE NOT REQUIRED TO RESUBMIT TO REMAIN ON THE FRAMEWORK.

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https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=823437

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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