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Award

Provision of Targeted Family Support Services to young children through Childrens' Centres July 23-Mar24

Gloucestershire County Council

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

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Main address

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Buyer's address

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

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

Provision of Targeted Family Support Services to young children through Childrens' Centres July 23-Mar24

Reference number

DN651357

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Targeted Family Support Services through Children Centres across Gloucestershire

Children Centre Services are identified as key delivery partners within the Early Help strategy and Families First programme (national Troubled Families Programme) and are critical to the delivery of Early Help to children and families from pre-birth through to 5 years of age.

The core purpose of Children Centre Services is to improve outcomes for young children and their families and reduce inequalities between families in greatest need and their peers (Statutory Guidance and section 2 Childcare Act 2006)

This VEAT notice details the modification (extension) of the existing contracts from July 2023 – March 2024 (and associated cost implications).

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

Value excluding VAT: £2,782,182

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Targeted Family Support Services within Children and Family's Centres in the Cheltenham and Tewkesbury districts

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK13 - Gloucestershire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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

Targeted Family Support Services within Children and Family's Centres in the Gloucester City district

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK13 - Gloucestershire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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

Targeted Family Support Services within Children and Family's Centres in the Forest of Dean and Stroud districts

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK13 - Gloucestershire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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This VEAT notice details the modification of the existing contracts from July 2023 - March 2024

(previous modification here: 2022/S 000-032874)

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

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:

The proposed modification (extension) to the current contracts (and associated cost implications) is necessary as a result of an unexpected delay to the Council's re-procurement of a new contractor for the delivery of Children Centre Services. The Children Centre Services are vital to the community which they serve. It is therefore necessary to procure additional services from the incumbent contractors to ensure that services continue to be available to the community until the re-procurement is concluded.

It is not economically or technically feasible for another contractor to be engaged by the Council to deliver the Children Centre Services due to the short length of the proposed extensions (July 2023 – March 2024). Engaging a replacement contractor would require additional mobilisation time, cost and resource (including the upskilling of the new contractor (and its staff)) which would be disproportionate to the short extension period. Engaging a new contractor would also impact on and unnecessarily disrupt currently supported vulnerable families utilising the Children Centre Services.

Even where those difficulties and impacts could be overcome (which, with a minimum 3 month mobilisation, the Council considers not to be possible), engaging a new contractor for the extension period would inevitably result in significant inconvenience and substantial duplication of costs for the Council. In particular, the:

- costs of running a procurement process for the extension period when a further re-procurement for the Children Centre Services would likely begin shortly thereafter;
- the additional cost of a short-term service provision;
- cost of mobilising and contract managing the change to a new contractor (if the incumbents were not successful) to incur the same costs for a further re-procurement of the services commencing 1 April 2024;

the need to monitor the activity of multiple contractors and the interface between them to meet vulnerable family demands during the extension period

Total contract value before the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £23,291,763

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £26,100,867

This value includes an inflation uplift for 2023/2024.

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

Notice number: [2016/S 196-353764](#)

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

1

Lot No

1

Title

Targeted Family Support Services within Children and Family's Centres in the Cheltenham and Tewkesbury districts July 23-Mar24

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

9 May 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Aspire Foundation (Gardners Lane and Oakwood Federation)

Gardners Lane Childrens Centre, Gardners Lane

Cheltenham

GL51 9JW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK13 - Gloucestershire

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,058,529

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

2

Lot No

2

Title

Targeted Family Support Services within Children and Family's Centres in the Gloucester

City district

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 March 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Barnados

Tanners Lane

Ilford

IG6 1QG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £970,976

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

3

Lot No

3

Title

Targeted Family Support Services within Children and Family's Centres in the Forest of Dean and Stroud districts

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 March 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Barnados

Tanners Lane

Ilford

IG6 1QG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £752,677

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Gloucestershire County Council

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