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Contract

Alternative Education Provision for children who, because of exclusion, illness or other reasons, would not otherwise receive suitable education

Buckinghamshire Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

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Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://www.buckinghamshire.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

Alternative Education Provision for children who, because of exclusion, illness or other reasons, would not otherwise receive suitable education

Reference number

DN523023

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Council has a duty to secure Alternative Education Provision (AEP) which is defined as education arranged by local authorities for pupils who, because of exclusion, illness or other reasons, would not otherwise receive suitable education. The purpose of the service will be to support the Council with this duty by providing a full time AEP service for this cohort.

This service specification sets out the scope and requirements for these services in three lots:

- Lot 1 – Full Time onsite Alternative Education Provision to permanently excluded and challenging young people, predominantly at Key Stage 4;
- Lot 2 – Full time virtual/online education for children in Key Stages, 3, 4 and 5;
- Lot 3 – Short Term Provision for children with an EHCP without a permanent school place.

The contract for all Lots will commence on 1 September 2021.

The indicative budget for Lot 1 is estimated to be around 480,000 GBP per annum, Lot 2 it is likely to be between 50 000 and 100,00 GBP per annum and Lot 3 is likely to be between 80 000 and 130,000 GBP per annum. This is only an estimate and the actual spend maybe higher or lower than these figures.

The Council is of the opinion that TUPE will apply to Lot 1 only.

This Contract award notice is for Lot 1 only. Lot 2 and 3 have not been awarded. Following

evaluation of all the tenders for Lot 2 and Lot 3 we have taken the decision not to award any contracts. This is in accordance with Regulation 55 of the Public Contract (s) Regulations 2015. The decision was taken for reasons of affordability. Unfortunately, the tender submissions that the Council received were all in excess of the Council's budget for the specified service.

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: £1,440,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Onsite provision for students with complex needs in KS4

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 1 - This will include the provision of full time onsite Alternative Education Provision to permanently excluded and challenging young people, predominantly at Key Stage 4, and those with Special Educational Needs (SEND). Staff will be fully experienced in delivering education to this cohort with established links to partner agencies enabling them to provide

a holistic approach to education. Full time is defined as a minimum of 18 hours of supervised education per week delivered across five days. Each day must be made up of two sessions divided by a break and will include the provision of two nutritious meals a day to each full time pupil. Transportation will also be required for pupils who have been referred to receive services.

The indicative budget for Lot 1 is estimated to be around 480,000 GBP per annum; this is only an estimate and the actual spend maybe higher or lower than this figure.

Potential bidders for this Lot must be registered with the UK government Department for Education (DfE) as a registered maintained or Independent School.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will initially be for a three year period. The contract dates are 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2024 (Two optional extensions 1st September 2024 to 31st August 2026 and 1st September 2026 to 31st September 2027).

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

DN523023

Lot No

1

Title

Onsite provision for students with complex needs in KS4

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

15 June 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Progress Schools Limited

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Bootle

L30 7PT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD73 - Sefton

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,440,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Courts of Justice

The Royal Court of Justice, The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom