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Planning

Pre-Market Engagement for suppliers that are interested in delivering a support service for families in family court proceedings - Improving Child and Family Arrangement Service (ICFA)

Cafcass

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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Buyer's address

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

I.3) Communication

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=e831257e-d603-ef11-812a-005056b64545>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Social protection

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Pre-Market Engagement for suppliers that are interested in delivering a support service for families in family court proceedings - Improving Child and Family Arrangement Service (ICFA)

Reference number

CAF477-24

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Cafcass is seeking suppliers that are interested in delivering a support service for families in family court proceedings. Cafcass requires suppliers to hold NACCC Enhanced accreditation and Cyber Essentials certification at the start of any competitive tender process

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £2,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Cafcass commissions the delivery of services for families in private family law proceedings in England on behalf of the Ministry of Justice (MoJ). One of these services, the Improving Child and Family Arrangements (ICFA) service, is coming to an end in 2025. Cafcass is now engaging with interested providers in preparation to recommission the service.

The ICFA service is currently delivered by contracted providers across England, this currently has around 2000 referrals annually (made by FCAs/Guardians) and usually takes place over six to eight weeks. The annual budget for delivering the ICFA service across all Cafcass areas is £2m.

A new (ICFA) service is being designed to focus on testing family time arrangements and/or re-introducing a parent to a child. The design will be guided by the Cafcass Child Impact Assessment Framework (CIAF) and the views of children and families.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please complete the “Your submission”. Please note that obtaining your contact details is only for the market engagement purposes and to gain feedback and suggestions about the proposed service model and the future commissioning model, your contact details will be used only to contact you in relation to this.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

30 April 2025

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes