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Contract

Recruitment and Management of Children's Agency Social Workers

Sandwell Childrens Trust

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03a184

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Sandwell Childrens Trust

The Wellman Building, Dudley Road

Oldbury

B69 3DL

Contact

Neil Whitehouse

Email

neil_whitehouse@sandwell.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKG37 - Sandwell

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.sandwell.gov.uk

Buyer's address

www.sandwell.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

Recruitment and Management of Children's Agency Social Workers

Reference number

SMBC 23010

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79600000 - Recruitment services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

A key priority of the Trust's workforce strategy is to stabilise the workforce and build sustainable capacity for the future. A critical part of this is the Trust's ability to utilise Children's Agency Social Workers in an efficient and effective manner to meet any shortfalls in permanent staffing, and to deal with specific peaks in caseloads. The recruitment of children social workers is constantly challenging, with a shortage of sufficiently experienced candidates, a limited pipeline into the sector and it operates in a crowded geographical area. Within this it is acknowledged that agency workers play a critical part of the social care workforce to enable it to 'flex' to meet changing priorities and to fill resourcing gaps. In December 2019, the Trust applied the two-year extension option within the Agreement. Following a procurement process in 2021, an 18-month contract was awarded which expires at 31 May 2023.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £21,250,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79600000 - Recruitment services
- 85310000 - Social work services
- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG37 - Sandwell

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Please refer to ITT Documents

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

Title

Recruitment and Management of Children's Agency Social Workers

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

15 May 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 6

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: 6

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

HCL Workforce Solutions Ltd

33 Soho Square

London

W1D 3QU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI32 - Westminster

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £12,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £12,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court of England

Royal Court of Justice the Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom