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Tender

## **Quality Funded Early Learning & Childcare (1140 hours)**

Dundee City Council

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-014540

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-031d43

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Dundee City Council

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Dundee

DD1 1NZ

#### **Email**

[trina.forbes@dundeecity.gov.uk](mailto:trina.forbes@dundeecity.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.dundeecity.gov.uk](http://www.dundeecity.gov.uk)

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00220](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00220)

## **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

[www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

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## **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

## **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Quality Funded Early Learning & Childcare (1140 hours)

Reference number

PROC/C&F/01/23

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85312110 - Child daycare services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Dundee City Council wish to seek bid submissions from suitably qualified and experienced providers to supplement it's existing framework (Contract Reference PROC/C&F/02/20) for Quality Funded Early Learning and Childcare.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £25,000,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Early Learning & Childcare for Eligible 2 Year Olds

Lot No

1

## **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80110000 - Pre-school education services

## **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

Main site or place of performance

Dundee

## **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

To supplement its own in house service provision and the framework providers appointed to framework PROC/C&F/01/20 (Quality Funded Early Learning & Childcare), as the aforementioned framework allows for re-opening to new providers, Dundee City Council now intend to re-open the framework. In addition to passing the Qualification Stage, service providers appointed to the framework will be required to demonstrate that they fully meet the National Standards criteria and sub criteria and be prepared to accept the Council's hourly rates as detailed below:

5.45GBP per hour of Early Learning and Childcare, per pre-school Child in their deferred, pre-school or ante pre-school year (but excluding Eligible 2 Year Olds);

5.75 GBP per hour of Early Learning and Childcare per Eligible 2 Year Old (but excluding pre-school/ante pre-school Children in their deferred, pre-school or ante pre-school year); and

2.10 GBP per day for the provision of a Meal, per pre-school Child and Eligible 2 Year Olds accessing the Services (per session) such payment on proof of appropriate provision.

As this service is listed in Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations and the contract value exceeds 750,000 euros over the contract period, the Council will be using the afforded flexibility of the Light Touch Regime to re-open the framework.

## **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents / Weighting: 0

Price - Weighting: 0

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £25,000,000

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

Start date

1 August 2023

End date

31 July 2024

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend for a further 1 year.

### **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Early Learning & Childcare for Eligible 3-5 Year Olds

Lot No

2

## **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85312110 - Child daycare services

## **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

Main site or place of performance

Dundee

## **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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## **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

Included in the SPD

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria

Included in the SPD and attached documents.

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria

Included in the SPD and attached documents.

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

As detailed in the Invitation to Tender and supporting 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

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## **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

**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: [2022/S 000-005802](#)

**IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

19 June 2023

Local time

5:00pm

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

English

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

20 June 2023

Local time

8:00am

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Social Care Contracts Team

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=732219](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=732219).

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help\\_guides.aspx](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx).

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The Contracting Authority does not intend to include a sub-contract clause as part of community benefits (as per Section 25 of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014) in this contract for the following reason:

Not Applicable.

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

As detailed in the Invitation To Tender and supporting documentation.

(SC Ref:732219)

Download the ESPD document here:

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD\\_Download.aspx?id=732219](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=732219)

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1) Review body**

Dundee Sheriff Court House

6 West Bell Street

Dundee

DD1 9AD

Country

United Kingdom