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Planning

HCC - 05/23 - Pre-Procurement Market Engagement (PPME) for the Provision of Dog Therapy Services provided by HCC Staff and their Pet to People the Council Supports

Hertfordshire County Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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UKH23 - Hertfordshire

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Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/supplyhertfordshire.aspx/Home>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

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Reference number

HCC - 05/23 - PPME Dog Therapy

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The use of dogs within care provision in the UK is relatively well established, and there are now many examples of the therapeutic value of dog therapy. Recognising the potential of animal-based therapies, in 2017 HCC launched its Hertfordshire Taking the Lead (HTTL) programme in partnership with the charity Dogs for Good. The programme halted in March 2020 at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the projects operational at this time was HCC's Staff Dogs Volunteering Scheme (the Scheme). This scheme supported assessed HCC staff and their trained pet dog to visit HCC establishments such as SEND schools and day centres. The rationale behind this scheme was for approved HCC staff and their dog to provide a cost-neutral resource to HCC service areas that could be used to complement existing service provision. The Council now wishes to re-establish the HCC Staff Dogs Volunteering Scheme within a framework that supports its long-term viability.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

In order to participate in this PPME, organisations must submit their completed Supplier Questionnaire, together with any supporting documents, through the In-Tend system by the return deadline of 12.00 Noon 16th June 2023. Please make sure that you have submitted your Supplier Questionnaire following the instructions above. The Council will not be held accountable for any errors made by an organisation in submitting their Supplier Questionnaire. The Council will consider the feedback received to help inform the Council's options and further decision making. For the avoidance of doubt, this stage of the project is not part of a formal procurement process, and the Council is not committing, at this stage, to carrying out such a process.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

24 May 2023

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

Section VI. Complementary information
VI.3) Additional information

Participation or non-participation in the PPME shall not prevent any supplier participating in a potential future procurement, nor is it intended that any information supplied as part of the PPME shall place any supplier at an advantage in a potential procurement process. Participation in the PPME will be at each organisation's own cost. No expense in responding to this PPME will be reimbursed by the Council. If you are experiencing problems In-Tend offer a help section which includes a dedicated UK support desk which can be contacted via email: support@in-tend.co.uk or Telephone: +44 1144070065 for any website/technical questions, Monday to Friday, 8:30-17:00.

