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Contract

The Provision of Advocacy and Independent Visitor Services for Children and Young People

Dorset Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Dorset Council

Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park

Dorchester

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Commercial and Procurement Team

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK25 - Dorset

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.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

The Provision of Advocacy and Independent Visitor Services for Children and Young People

Reference number

DN680785

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 Council is seeking a suitable Provider to provide Advocacy and Independent Visitor (IV) services.

As Dorset Council has a statutory duty to provide an independent advocacy service that supports children and young people to have their views and wishes taken into account when key decisions are being made about their lives. The Council also has a statutory duty to provide an independent visitor (IV) service for looked after children if they believe that it would be in the child's best interest to have one.

It is anticipated that the contract will commence on the 1 August 2024 for an initial contract period of 3 years, with the options to extend annually for a further 3 years (3+1+1+1).

Therefore, if all available extensions were taken the total contract period would be 6 years.

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: £1,145,649

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85300000 - Social work and related services
- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK25 - Dorset

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Service Provision / Weighting: 40

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Presentation / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 50

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

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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

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Title

The Provision of Advocacy and Independent Visitor Services for Children and Young People

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 April 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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

The National Youth Advocacy Service (NYAS)

Tower House, 1 Tower Road

Birkenhead

CH41 1FF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK25 - Dorset

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,145,649

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Dorset Council, Monitoring Officer

Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park

Dorchester

DT1 1XJ

Country

United Kingdom