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Tender

Representation, Rights and Advocacy Service

Kent County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03434e

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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

<http://www.kent.gov.uk>

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=62f1aa44-2846-ec11-810e-005056b64545>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=62f1aa44-2846-ec11-810e-005056b64545>

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

Representation, Rights and Advocacy Service

Reference number

DN581609

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Kent County Council (KCC) is looking for an organisation or a consortium of organisations to deliver a Representation, Rights and Advocacy Service, that includes individual elements that are a recurring statutory requirement for KCC, as defined by the Children's Act 1989.

The aim will be to provide a dedicated service that offers robust, consistent and sustainable support to children, young people and vulnerable adults.

The service model will bring together six interconnected elements of support which include:

1. Advocacy for Children in Care and for Care Leavers aged 16 – 24.
2. Independent Visitors for Children in Care aged 8 – 18 years.
3. Independent Persons for Stage 2 complaints under the Children Act 1989.
4. Appropriate Adults for young people aged 10 - 17 years, and vulnerable adults, detained at police custody suites who require support.
5. Accompanying Adults for the purpose of age assessment interviews for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children, Children Act 1989.

6. In addition, and in support to the Independent Visitors Service, funding will be provided for 10 places for a Leaving Care Mentoring Service. This additional funding is for young people who turn 18 and who choose to retain the support of the Independent Visitor as a Mentor. The Leaving Care Mentoring Service is not a statutory requirement under the Children's Act.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £776,400

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

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The financial envelope for the Representation, Rights and Advocacy Service is £258,800 per annum.

The contract will run for three years from 1/10/2022, with the option to extend for a further two years on a one-plus-one basis.

Kent County Council is committed to ensuring fairness, openness, and transparency and to following EU procurement regulations.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Possibility to extend the contract on a plus-12 months, plus-12 months basis.

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Competitive procedure with negotiation

IV.1.5) Information about negotiation

The contracting authority reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without conducting negotiations

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

Date

28 June 2022

Local time

2:00pm

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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