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Tender

Separated Parents Information Programme (SPIP) services for use in family court proceedings.

Cafcass

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

www.cafcass.gov.uk

I.3) Communication

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=cadc403e-482b-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=cadc403e-482b-ec11-810e-005056b64545>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Social protection

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Separated Parents Information Programme (SPIP) services for use in family court proceedings.

Reference number

DN575220

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75000000 - Administration, defence and social security services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Cafcass tender of contracts for delivery of a new behaviour change programme for separated parents

1. Background

The Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (Cafcass) currently commissions the Separated Parents Information Programme (SPIP). The programme helps parents to better understand how to put their children first while they are separating - even though parents may be in dispute with each other. The programme helps parents to learn the fundamental principles and practice of how to manage conflict and communication difficulties. Where a parent decides to make an application to court, one of the options available to the court is to direct the parents to attend a SPIP. Cafcass is usually asked to advise the court if SPIP is suitable for the parents

Parents will not attend the same programme as each other. The programme is usually delivered in one four-hour session to small, mixed groups of parents. SPIP is delivered online or face to face. Course content includes parent communication, the emotional effect of separation and being separated parents, and parenting plans.

2. Current commissioning arrangements

Cafcass currently commissions 13 providers to deliver the above model of SPIP to 25,000

parents per annum across its 18 service areas in England. Providers are awarded payment per participant completing the course. Contracts for delivery of this model are due to expire on 31 March 2023.

3. Tender for future information and support to separated parents

The programme is dated. Modern, interactive materials are current being designed and developed for recommissioned delivery partners to use in new contracts from 1st April 2023. This change has been informed through consultation activities and a re-specification of requirements to meet the needs of today's parents. This tender supports the delivery of a modern service that achieves evidence-based outcomes for parents, social value, and value for money.

4. Intended tendering timetable

Timetable for commissioning of contracts for information and support to separated parents

Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) period 06 June 2022 – 30 June 2022

Expected tender submission period 18 July – 15 October 2022

Expected deadline for clarifications 30 September 2022

Expected tender deadline 15 October 2022

Expected evaluation of tenders w/c 24 October 2022

Expected interviews w/c 7 November 2022

Expected award decision w/c 21 November 2022

Expected award period December 2023

Expected contract commencement date 1 April 2023

Expected contract end date (unless previously terminated) 31 March 2026 (with an option to extend by 1 year to 31 March 2027)

Cafcass is committed to undertaking the tender process in a transparent and equitable way and it will be undertaken using restricted tender procedures, in line with Government expectations.

ProContract will be used to publish information and tendering opportunities relating to this procurement. Bids will only be accepted through this system. Interested parties should

register for the Cafcass procurement on the ProContract portal <https://procontract.due-north.com/Register> where information regarding the Market Engagement Events can be found and interest registered. Upon registration of interest in market engagement activities parties will be sent further information including joining information. These events will be held virtually.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

As above

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

Start date

1 April 2023

End date

31 March 2026

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Restricted procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2021/S 000-025373](#)

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

Date

30 June 2022

Local time

3:00pm

IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

18 July 2022

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

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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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