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Tender

Evaluation of the Child Poverty Pathfinders – Phase 2

Scottish Government

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10482

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://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Evaluation of the Child Poverty Pathfinders – Phase 2

Reference number

610662

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79315000 - Social research services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Phase 2 of the Child Poverty Pathfinder Evaluation has four key objectives:

- 1) Impact: To understand the impact the Child Poverty Pathfinders have on families, child poverty and the system that supports them
- 2) Economic impact: To understand the impact of the Child Poverty Pathfinders on the economy and public expenditure and understand how the costs of the initiatives compare to their benefits and who the costs and benefits accrue to.
- 3) Process: To understand the effectiveness of the way Pathfinders have been implemented
- 4) Learning: To understand how lessons from the Pathfinders can be captured to support scaling up and rolling out elsewhere

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £450,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79311410 - Economic impact assessment

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Child Poverty Pathfinders are initiatives of Best Start: Bright Futures (<https://www.gov.scot/publications/best-start-bright-futures-tackling-child-poverty-delivery-plan-2022-26/pages/3/>), the second Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan. A number of phased Pathfinder initiatives are being developed over the lifetime of the Plan, with the overall aim of providing holistic and person-centred support that meets the specific needs of families most at risk of being in poverty.

Glasgow City Council, the Scottish Government, COSLA and the Improvement Service are working together in Glasgow to provide access to support for citizens, break down siloed working and share funding, data and accountability to achieve this. Using a 'No Wrong Door' approach, families in contact with various services in the city will be proactively connected with the benefits and support they are entitled to, as well as employability and other support to thrive, live well and maximise independence.

The Child Poverty Dundee Pathfinder is a collaborative initiative between the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP); Dundee City Council; the Scottish Government and other partners. It focuses on a cohort of parents in Dundee who are looking for employment and aims to support them out of poverty on a sustained basis, working across boundaries to provide holistic approaches centred around a family's specific needs.

The contractor will be required to build on the first phase of the evaluation (which involved development of a theory of change, monitoring framework and early implementation process study to inform an evaluability assessment) and work with Pathfinders and the Scottish Government to carry out a process evaluation, impact evaluation and economic evaluation of the Child Poverty Pathfinders.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: UNDERSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: RESEARCH DESIGN, APPROACH, AND METHODOLOGY /

Weighting: 40

Quality criterion - Name: STAFF, SKILLS, AND TASK ALLOCATION / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND RISK ASSESSMENT /
Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: ETHICAL ISSUES / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: CYBER SECURITY / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: FAIR WORK FIRST / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 30

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

Duration in months

21

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial duration will be 21 months with an option to extend the contract for an additional 12 months.

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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

Minimum level(s) of standards required:

Bidders must demonstrate a Current Ratio of no less than 0.8. Current Ratio will be calculated as follows: Net current

assets divided by net current liabilities.

There must be no qualification or contra-indication from any evidence provided in support of the bidders economic and financial standing.

Bidders who do not comply with the above financial requirements but are part of a Group, can provide a Parent Guarantee if the Parent

company satisfies the financial requirements stipulated above.

It is a requirement of this contract that bidders hold or can commit to obtain prior to the commencement of any subsequently awarded

contract, the types of insurance indicated below.

Employer's (Compulsory) Liability Insurance = 5 000 000 GBP.

Public Liability Insurance = 1 000 000 GBP.

Professional Indemnity Insurance = 1 000 000 GBP.

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

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

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

Date

7 July 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

7 July 2023

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

Question Scoring Methodology for Award Criteria outlined in Invitation to Tender.

0 Unacceptable Nil or inadequate response. Fails to demonstrate an ability to meet the requirement.

1 Poor Response is partially relevant but generally poor. The response addresses some elements of the requirement but contains

insufficient/limited detail or explanation to demonstrate how the requirement will be fulfilled.

2 Acceptable Response is relevant and acceptable. The response addresses a broad understanding of the requirement but may lack details

on how the requirement will be fulfilled in certain areas.

3 Good Response is relevant and good. The response is sufficiently detailed to demonstrate a good understanding and provides details on

how the requirements will be fulfilled.

4 Excellent Response is completely relevant and excellent overall. The response is comprehensive, unambiguous and demonstrates a

thorough understanding of the requirement and provides details of how the requirement will be met in full.

Tenderers are also asked to confirm that they will pay staff that are involved in the delivery of services under the contract, at least the real Living Wage.

Bidders must complete the SPD (Scotland) to demonstrate adherence to the Exclusion and Selection Criteria for this procurement.

If there are named subcontractors/technicians upon which the bidder will rely to meet the selection criteria, these named parties must

complete and reattach the SPD Supplier Response Form attached to SPD.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 23966 and the ITT code is 49398. For more information

see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

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

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

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

The tenderer must provide a Community Benefits proposal that is relevant to the subject matter of this contract and supports the Scottish Ministers' commitment to contributing to the social, economic & environmental well-being of the people of Scotland, as described in the specification.

targeted employment support, recruitment and work-related training for priority groups within the community (for example long-term

unemployed and young people) as part of your proposed workforce for this project;

support for existing Charity and Third Sector Organisations that deliver benefits to the communities

Use of SMEs or supported businesses as part of your supply chain

up-skilling the existing workforce;

equality and diversity initiatives;

educational support initiatives.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom