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Contract

## **Delivery Partner for the Regional Care Co-operatives Pathfinders and Commissioning, Forecasting and Market Shaping National Support**

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03fa52

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Department for Education

Sanctuary Buildings, 20, Great Smith Street

London

SW1P 3BT

#### **Email**

[Elle.ROBERTS@EDUCATION.GOV.UK](mailto:Elle.ROBERTS@EDUCATION.GOV.UK)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Delivery Partner for the Regional Care Co-operatives Pathfinders and Commissioning, Forecasting and Market Shaping National Support

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Delivery Partner contract will deliver support for the two Regional Care Cooperatives and national support with forecasting, commissioning and market shaping.

#### **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: £1,704,224

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

In February 2023, the Department for Education published its implementation strategy and consultation on children's social care reform, Stable Homes, Built on Love. As part of this, the Department has committed to working with local authorities and key partners to co-design and deliver two pathfinder Regional Care Cooperatives (RCCs) over this Spending Review period to test a new approach to planning, commissioning and delivering care placements for looked after children, with a view to rolling out after

evaluating the best approach with the sector. The co-design process with local partners will shape the exact model and approach taken in each pathfinder area. The department also committed to commission an external organisation to deliver national support with forecasting, procurement and market shaping to local authorities.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: UNDERSTANDING AND EXPERIENCE OF CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE / Weighting: 10%

Quality criterion - Name: PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT / Weighting: 5%

Quality criterion - Name: PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION / Weighting: 10%

Quality criterion - Name: CHANGE MANAGEMENT / Weighting: 15%

Quality criterion - Name: DELIVERY OF NATIONAL SUPPORT ON COMMISSIONING, FORECASTING AND MARKET SHAPING / Weighting: 10%

Quality criterion - Name: SPECIALIST SKILLS AND TECHNICAL EXPERTISE / Weighting: 5%

Quality criterion - Name: SOCIAL VALUE / Weighting: 10%

Cost criterion - Name: PRICE / Weighting: 35%

#### **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

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## **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: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-026281](#)

#### **IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice**

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

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### **Title**

Delivery Partner for RCC Pathfinders

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

19 April 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Mutual Ventures Limited

2-6 Boundary Row

London

SE1 8HP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,704,224

**V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court of Justice for England and Wales

London

Country

United Kingdom