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Tender

Evaluation and Research, Greater Manchester Violence Reduction Unit

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-034872

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKD - North West (England)

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.the-chest.org.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

Evaluation and Research, Greater Manchester Violence Reduction Unit

Reference number

DN618048

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Greater Manchester Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) was created in 2019 utilising Home Office funding. The VRU has established a multi-agency, public health approach to understanding, tackling and reducing violence. Partners include:

- Greater Manchester Police
- Greater Manchester Combined Authority
- National Probation Service
- GM Youth Justice Service providers
- Education providers
- NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care
- Public Health Partners
- The Home Office
- Academic Institutions
- Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Partners

In addition, the VRU benefits from a Data and Evaluation Lead, a Victims Lead and a Community-Led approaches Coordinator.

A key aspect of the Violence Reduction Unit is supporting the development and growth of the evidence base regarding 'what works' to tackle serious and youth violence to contribute to the local and national understanding.

An element of developing this evidence base is facilitated by funding from the Home Office to Police forces, known as 'Grip Funding'. This funding stream allows police to trial innovative methods to mitigate, and suppress violence. Monitoring data generated from this activity in order to evaluate effectiveness of interventions is a function of the VRU.

The VRU has undertaken a comprehensive strategic needs assessment to develop a Greater Manchester wide, multi-agency focused action plan, which must be maintained and updated annually. Delivery against the action plan is achieved through multiple VRU funded projects delivered through four workstreams (Criminal Justice, Education, Health and Wellbeing and Communities) which comprise the whole programme of work. A Research and Evaluation Steering Group oversees all of the research work across the VRU including the prioritisation, monitoring and managing of outputs related to the successful provider of this specification, which the provider will contribute to and report into.

The VRU is seeking a research and evaluation partner to build on the work of the VRU over the past three years across all workstreams, delivering high quality evaluation of selected projects; this includes the completion of a number of evaluations of projects which have been running for some time. In addition, the provider will support in the ongoing overarching monitoring and evaluation of the VRU itself, developing and enhancing products to support this.

The provider will provide research, evaluation and consultancy services to enable the VRU to effectively measure success and impact.

The provider should ensure a regular presence in the VRU, including attendance at relevant team meetings, as well as delivery workstream meetings and Research and Evaluation Steering Group meetings. Within the VRU, the provider will assist in the monitoring and evaluation of the whole work programme. Identification and prioritisation of the themes and outputs required will be determined in partnership with the provider, based on the requirements as set out in this specification.

The provider will work closely with workstream leads and commissioned providers to implement and deliver robust evaluation, and provide an advisory role around research, monitoring and small level evaluations more generally. They will also remain abreast of current research and evidence related to serious violence to maintain a relevant approach.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £780,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

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II.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

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

Duration in months

30

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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

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

20 July 2022

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

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

20 July 2022

Local time

12:05pm

Place

Online only

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Officers of GMCA

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

Royal Courts of Justice

The Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Royal Courts of Justice

The Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

N/A

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Royal Courts of Justice

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