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Contract

ASC0284 – Community Connectors Service

Leicester City Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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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

ASC0284 – Community Connectors Service

Reference number

DN615117

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Leicester City Council (‘the ‘Authority’) invited Tenders for the provision of the Community Connectors Service, which will focus on six of the more disadvantaged areas of the city whose residents also report higher levels of social isolation. The Community Connectors (a team of local area co-ordinators) will work within the six selected areas of the city.

The Community Connectors will take a community centred (i.e. Asset Based Community Development based or similar) approach to build confident and connected communities with the aims of reducing isolation and loneliness, improving physical and mental health and reducing health inequalities. The Service will take a holistic approach to addressing isolation and loneliness, ensuring that, in addition to organising social activities and events, people are gently supported and encouraged to make other changes leading to better health and wellbeing and greater social inclusion.

The Authority conducted this procurement under the Light Touch Regime for Social and Other Specific Services, as set out in the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (PCR), at Section 7 (Regulations 74 to 77) and Schedule 3. The procurement process was not conducted under the Public Contract Regulations 2015; however, it was similar to that of an Open procedure. The Process did, unlike an Open Procedure, include the flexibility, as allowed under the Light Touch Regime with various evaluation stages as detailed in the Invitation to Tender documentation.

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: £783,330

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

- UKF21 - Leicester

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

It was the intention of the Authority to award a block contract to a provider to deliver this service.

The proposed Contract will be for an initial period of 3 years to commence on 9th August 2023 (or before if possible), with an option to extend, subject to satisfactory performance outcomes and agreement by the Authority, for a further period or periods up to a total of 2 years, taking the contract term to a maximum of 5 years.

The Invitation to Tender document and its appendices and all other documentation issued to Tenderers set out the details of the Authority's requirements and how to submit Tenders.

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £783,330

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) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure

As detailed in the Invitation to Tender documentation.

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2023/S 000-002289](#)

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

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Mental Health Matters

Sunderland

SR5 3XJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £783,330

Total value of the contract/lot: £783,330

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The Authority held an Online Tender Information Session conducted via Microsoft Teams on 6th February 2023 between 12:30pm to 2.00pm. Further information on how to register for this session was contained within the ITT documentation.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Construction and Technology Court (Queens Bench Division) (Branch of High Court of Justice)

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

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