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Contract

Flexible Agreement for the provision of Fostering Agency Placements

Lancashire County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

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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**

Flexible Agreement for the provision of Fostering Agency Placements

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Lancashire County Council (the Council) are leading on the procurement of an open Flexible

Agreement for the Provision of Fostering Agency Placements.

Since 2019 Blackburn with Darwen Council, Blackpool Council, Cumbria County Council and Lancashire County Council (BBLC) have been collaborating as part of a Department of Education funded project to improve the sufficiency of foster care placements across the authorities. By working together, the four Contracting Bodies have developed the Flexible Agreement which this procurement intends to establish, with the aim to influence the behaviour of these agencies in order to prioritise the Children from the four Contracting Bodies within the combined authorities' geographical footprint.

The Flexible Agreement will be a list of approved Independent Foster Care Providers.

It is intended that the Flexible Agreement will remain effect for 9 years, Service Contracts can be awarded as call-off contracts as detailed within the Invitation to Participate (ITP).

This procurement procedure is considered to be subject to the Light Touch Regime under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

Providers can apply to join the Flexible Agreement, if Applicants satisfy the required criteria.

The Flexible Agreement will be open for new Applications during the initial Application phase. Once the initial Application deadline has passed (see ITP for dates), Providers can apply to join every three years throughout the term. (See the Council's eTendering portal iSupplier and ITP for dates). Following an evaluation process, applicants will receive an outcome notification. Successful Applicants will be required to sign a Flexible Agreement

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and will be appointed as a provider.

Lancashire County Council's Flexible Agreement may be used by Contracting Authorities

listed below and any successor council as defined in The Local Government (Structural Changes) (Transfer of Functions, Property, Rights and Liabilities) Regulations 2008 to the Contracting Authorities.

- Cumbria County Council
- Blackpool Council
- Blackburn with Darwen Council

Please note that Cumbria County Council is currently undergoing a local government reorganisation and Government has announced that Cumbria County Council is to be replaced by two unitary authorities with effect from 01 April 2023. Therefore, Cumbria County Council will be entitled to novate the Flexible Agreement for the provision of Fostering Agency Placements to any successor council.

The Flexible Agreement will be split into the following Lots:

- Lot 1 Mainstream Foster Care
- Lot 2 Enhanced Foster Care
- Lot 3 Step Down Foster Care

Applicants must be successful in Lot 1 to be eligible for Lot 2 and/or Lot 3.

Estimated total value up to £375,000,000 - £415,000,000.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £415,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 Mainstream Foster Care

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 1 Standard Foster Care. The provision of foster care placements for children and young people aged 0-4, 5-10, 11-15, 16+ and Parent and Child placements

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: as per tender documents / Weighting: 0

Price - Weighting: as per tender documents

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

Quality and Price criteria as per the published tender documents

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/business/tenders-and-procurement/tenders/flexible-agreement-for-the-provision-of-fostering-agency-placements/>

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 Enhanced Foster Care

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 2 Enhanced Foster Care. The provision of foster care placements and support services for children and young people with enhanced needs

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: as per the tender documents / Weighting: 0

Price - Weighting: as per the tender documents

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

Quality and Price criteria as per the published evaluation criteria

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 3 Step Down into Foster Care

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 3 Step Down into Foster Care. The provision of foster care placements and support services for children and young people who are placed within Residential Care or on a trajectory to be placed within Residential Care.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: as per the tender documents / Weighting: 0

Price - Weighting: as per the tender documents

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

Quality and Price criteria as per the published tender documents

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/business/tenders-and-procurement/tenders/flexible-agreement-for-the-provision-of-fostering-agency-placements/>

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2022/S 000-001202](#)

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 June 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 31

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

ACORN HOUSE FOSTERING SERVICES

Oldham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £10,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 June 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 34

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

ACTIVE CARE SOLUTIONS LTD

Worcestershire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £10,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

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V.2) Award of contract

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ALPHA PLUS FOSTERING LTD

BOLTON

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £10,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 June 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 34

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

CAPSTONE FOSTER CARE (NORTH) LTD

Basingstoke

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £10,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

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V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

CARITAS CARE LTD

PRESTON

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £10,000,000

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CHILD ACTION NORTHWEST

BLACKBURN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

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COMMUNITY FOSTER CARE

Gloucester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

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COMPASS COMMUNITY LTD

Leicester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £10,000,000

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CUFFE & LACEY ASSOCIATES LTD

ST ANNES

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £10,000,000

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EXCEL FOSTERING LTD

Hampshire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £10,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

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FAMILY CARE ASSOCIATES LTD

PRESTON

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

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FAMILY FOSTERCARE LTD

Doncaster

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

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FIVE RIVERS CHILD CARE LTD - SAFEHOUSES

Denshaw

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

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FOSTER CARE ASSOCIATES LTD

Stoke

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

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FOSTERING CHANGES LIFE

Bury

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

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FOSTERING PEOPLE LTD

Nottingham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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FOSTERING SOLUTIONS LTD

bolton

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

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FUSION FOSTERING LTD

Somerset

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

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LORIMER FOSTER SERVICES

Altrincham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

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NATIONAL FOSTERING AGENCY

bolton

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

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OLIVE BRANCH FOSTERING

Harrow

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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ORANGE GROVE FOSTERCARE LTD

Worcestershire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

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PARALLEL PARENTS LTD

Stockport

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

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PEOPLE WHO FOSTER

Kent

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

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THE ADOLESCENT & CHILDRENS TRUST

Hither Green

Country

United Kingdom

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- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

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THE FOSTER CARE CO-OPERATIVE LTD

Worcestershire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

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THREE CIRCLES FOSTERING LTD

Wilmslow

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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TOGETHER TRUST

Cheadle

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

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TUTIS FOSTER CARE

Whitehaven

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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UK FOSTERING LTD

Dartford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

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SWIIS FOSTER CARE LTD

bristol

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £10,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Contract values are estimated and allows for cost increases during the term and new applicants being admitted. The estimated total value is up to £375,000,000 -

£415,000,000.

This is an on open flexible agreement, evaluation of new applications will be at least three yearly.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice - The High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom