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Tender

Funded Early Learning and Childcare Places Framework Agreement - Reopening May 2025

Scottish Borders Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00394

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

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

www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.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

Funded Early Learning and Childcare Places Framework Agreement - Reopening May 2025

Reference number

Ref No: SBC/CPS/1815

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85312110 - Child daycare services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Scottish Borders Council is seeking bid submissions from suitably qualified and experienced providers to supplement it's existing framework for Funded Early Learning and Childcare Places (ref SBC/CPS/1815).

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Nursery Services (including Private and Third Sector Settings)

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80110000 - Pre-school education services
- 85312110 - Child daycare services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM91 - Scottish Borders

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Scottish Borders Council is reopening its Funded Early Learning and Childcare Framework to new providers from the

voluntary, independent and private settings to provide Early Learning and Childcare for 2,3 and 4 year old children.

Lot 1 - Nursery Services

All providers who apply and meet the national standards, legislation and the Council's procedural requirements and accept the rates and contract terms set out by the Council shall be accepted onto the framework agreement to deliver funded provision.

As this service is listed in Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations and the contract value exceeds the threshold, the Council will be using the afforded flexibility of the Light Touch Regime to re-open the framework.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2.14) Additional information

Option to extend for a further 1 x 12 months.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Childminder Services

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85312110 - Child daycare services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM91 - Scottish Borders

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Scottish Borders Council is reopening its Funded Early Learning and Childcare Framework to new providers from the

voluntary, independent and private settings to provide Early Learning and Childcare for 2,3 and 4 year old children.

Lot 2 - Childminder Services

All providers who apply and meet the national standards, legislation and the Council's procedural requirements and accept the rates and contract terms set out by the Council shall be accepted onto the framework agreement to deliver funded provision.

As this service is listed in Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations and the contract value exceeds the threshold, the Council will be using the afforded flexibility of the Light Touch Regime to re-open the framework.

II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement

Duration in months

12

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.2.1) Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision:

Bidders must confirm that they are appropriately registered with the Care Inspectorate for the services required.

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) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

30 May 2025

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

Section VI. Complementary information

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

SPD (Scotland) 1.73.7 Statement

A copy of the organisation's audited accounts or equivalent for the most recent 2 years along with details of any significant change since

the last year end.

OR

A statement of the organisation's turnover, profit and cashflow for the most recent full year of trading.

OR

If service providers are unable to provide the information requested above they may be required to provide additional information and

documentation that will give the authority the assurance that they are capable of carrying out any subsequent awarded contract. For

example a statement of their organisations cashflow forecast for the current year and a letter from the organisation's bank outlining the

current cash and credit position or other alternative means of demonstrating financial standing.

For Childminding Services Only - Evidence of HMRC self-evaluation confirmation - please provide self-assessment form/simple account

of turnover/ expenses and profit for last financial year.

Economic Operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in Regulation 58 of the Public

Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

Employer's (Compulsory) Liability: 10m GBP in respect of each claim without limit to the number of claims
Public Liability: 10m GBP in respect of each claim without limit to the number of claims

Other Insurance: Statutory Third Party Motor vehicle insurance - only where providers will use their vehicles when undertaking activities

under any awarded contract.

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria:

In addition to passing the Qualification Stage service providers will be required to demonstrate that they fully meet the National Standards

criteria and sub - criteria.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 29098. For more information see:

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

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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