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Planning

Advocacy Service

Somerset Council

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-046eee

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<https://www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Advocacy Service

Reference number

DN727886

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is not a call for competition and is not yet a contract opportunity.

**** PLEASE NOTE:** By Expressing an Interest in this event via the portal you are not confirming your place at the event. Please follow the instructions below to reserve your place. ******

The current contract for Advocacy Services in Somerset expires at the end of March 2025 and we have a commissioning plan underway to have a new contract in place from April 2025.

Somerset Council has a statutory duty to provide advocacy under the Care

Act 2014. We must involve people in decisions made about them and their care and support.

The service will provide independent advocacy to empower people to express their personal needs and assist them to achieve their rights and entitlements. It will assist people to secure relevant information and knowledge thus enabling them to make informed choices, to be involved in decisions about their care and support needs and promote their health and wellbeing.

The re-commissioning plan will include engaging with professionals and potential providers to inform a re-design of the service specification so that it is person-centred; meets the Council's statutory duties and is fit for the future.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK23 - Somerset

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A Market Engagement event will be held on 11th July 2024 between 14:00 and 15:00. Somerset Council are inviting organisations, that might be interested in delivering these services either individually or in partnership with others to attend. The event will be an opportunity to inform and shape future options. Somerset Council are keen to hear feedback from a range of providers as part of the wider consultation for this service.

Organisations that take part will not be advantaged or disadvantaged in any way in any potential future formal procurement. Commercial confidentiality will be respected. This notice does not represent a formal commitment by Somerset Council to undertake a procurement procedure.

Event Details:

- Date: Thursday 11th July 2024
- Time: 14:00 to 15:00
- Venue: Online - Microsoft Teams meeting

Event Registration:

To attend this event please send a message through the e-tender system www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk providing the name of your organisation, the name of the person(s) wishing to attend (Max 2 per organisation) and a contact email address for each to enable us to send through the full details of the event and the invitation to the Microsoft Teams meeting. Please ensure that those attending from your organisation are the most appropriate to feed into the discussions. If you are unable to attend the event, the presentation, notes and associated documentation will be available through the e-tender system www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk.

Please respond by the deadline of 12:00pm on 09th July 2024 if you wish to attend.
Thank you.

Somerset Council reserves the right to cancel or re-arrange these events at its own discretion.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

26 July 2024

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes