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Tender

Deprivation of Living Safeguards (DoLS) Assessments

Essex County Council

F02: Contract notice

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17 July 2024, 12:00pm

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Login>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Login>

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

Deprivation of Living Safeguards (DoLS) Assessments

Reference number

DN726336

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) provide a legal framework for the deprivation of liberty for people who lack the mental capacity to make decisions about their accommodation and care arrangements themselves. They apply to people who are in hospital or residential/nursing care (the managing authority) and who are subject to restrictions and restraints in their lives, for example, not being free to leave or requiring continual supervision.

Essex County Council requires the provision of 250 assessments per month to establish whether a person in hospital, care home or nursing home requires Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) authorisation. The award will be split into two lots of 125 assessments monthly between the two highest ranked providers.

Assessors will be required to visit the relevant person requiring assessment in their care setting, which may be a hospital ward, care home or nursing home, in order to conduct a face-to-face assessment.

The Provider will be required to manage the assessments from the point at which ECC allocates the assessment to the point where ECC considers authorization. The Provider will also be required to quality check the assessments before they are submitted to ECC for authorisation.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £3,933,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 1

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

125 DoLS Assessments

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical response / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Social value / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 60

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,966,500

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

Duration in months

20

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

II.2.14) Additional information

The successful bidder will be required to deliver 125 assessments per month. Bidders are

informed that this quantity is subject to the following:

- On some occasions there might be more or fewer assessments due to fluctuations outside of the Council's control. The Council will work with the provider to manage demand and flow on these occasions, but the average of 125 assessments will be maintained.
- Based on demand, the Council has the option to increase the monthly requirement by 10%, following confirmation that the assessments are being completed competently in line with the specification. Such an increase would apply only from the point that it is requested, and will not be backdated or apply to the volume of service delivered prior to that point.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

125 DoLS Assessments

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

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Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

As detailed within the tender documents.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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

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12 July 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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Date

17 July 2024

Local time

12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

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

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

12 July 2024

Local time

12:00pm

Place

Electronically via ProContract

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

The commercial officer will conduct the opening process via the functionality within the Council's e-sourcing portal, ProContract. No postal responses or any submissions which are issued outside the electronic portal will be accepted.

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

The Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom