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Tender

Quality Funded Early Learning & Childcare (1140 hours) Dundee

Dundee City Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0470fe

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

www.dundeecity.gov.uk

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00220

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

www.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

Quality Funded Early Learning & Childcare (1140 hours) Dundee

Reference number

C&F/ELC/MAIN/05/25

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85312110 - Child daycare services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Dundee City Council wish to seek bid submissions from suitably qualified and experienced providers to supplement it's framework (Contract Reference C&F/ELC/MAIN/25) for Quality Funded Early Learning and Childcare so all eligible children residing in Dundee can access their entitlement to 1140 hours of funded Early Learning & Childcare.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £25,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Early Learning & Childcare for Eligible 2 Year Olds

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80110000 - Pre-school education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

Main site or place of performance

The local authority area of Dundee.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Early Learning and Childcare for eligible 2 year old children if either: the parent is in receipt of certain benefits or if the child or parent have experienced care.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £25,000,000

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

Start date

19 August 2025

End date

18 August 2029

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Early Learning & Childcare for Eligible 3-5 Year Olds

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85312110 - Child daycare services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

Main site or place of performance

The local authority area of Dundee.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Early Learning & Childcare for eligible 3-5 year old children. Eligibility will be determined by the Local Authority but broadly children will become eligible on the first day of the school term after their third birthday.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

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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

The objectives, rules and criteria are set out in the Invitation to Tender (ITT) document and the Single Procurement Document attached to this contract notice.

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

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

All ELC providers are required to demonstrate that they meet the national standard before they can access funding to deliver the funded hours, whether they are in the public, private or third sectors or are childminders.

The Invitation to Tender (ITT) document attached to this contract notice provides more detail about the requirements.

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

The following Mandatory conditions must be met:

1. The Service Providers must be able to meet the National Standards criteria - Good or Above.
2. Service Providers must be registered with the Care Inspectorate as a Day Care of Children Service or a Childminding Service

The Invitation to Tender (ITT) document attached to this contract notice provides more detail of the contract conditions and requirements.

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) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-038436](#)

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

Date

29 May 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

29 May 2025

Local time

12:30pm

Place

Dundee

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Contracts Team

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: As this Service is listed in Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations, the council will be using the afforded Flexibility of the Light touch Regime to reopen the framework at Interval throughout the length of the Framework to new providers.

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=793396.

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https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx.

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

The Contracting Authority does not intend to include any community benefit requirements

in this contract for the following reason:

Although direct benefit to eligible children, their parents/carers and the ELC sector and workforce there is no community benefit for this procurement.

As the flexible framework it does not provide a guarantee of work, as providers may not uptake Funded ELC, therefore community benefits are not being made mandatory within the tender.

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Download the ESPD document here:

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=793396

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Dundee Sheriff Court

6 West Bell Street

Dundee

DD1 9AD

Country

United Kingdom