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## **Leeds Sensory Impairment Support Service**

Leeds City Council - PACS

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03ddad

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Leeds City Council - PACS

Civic Hall

Leeds

LS11UR

#### **Contact**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKE42 - Leeds

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Leeds Sensory Impairment Support Service

Reference number

61856

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

The provision of a Sensory Impairment Support Service for Leeds. The service will support individuals who are deaf, hearing impaired, blind, sight impaired, Deafblind or

have Dual Sensory Loss.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £6,587,200

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKE42 - Leeds

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The provision of a Sensory Impairment Support Service for Leeds. The service will support individuals who are deaf, hearing impaired, blind, sight impaired, Deafblind or have Dual Sensory Loss.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

up to 36 months

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

In November 2022, Leeds City Council published an invitation to tender inviting companies to bid to supply Sensory Impairment support services. The opportunity was published on YORTender (the Council's e-tendering service platform) and Contracts finder.

The procurement attracted 9 expressions of interest on YORTender and only 2 submissions were received. The evaluation was carried out in line with the advertised criteria and only one of which was viable (being the supplier listed on this notice). This service is niche, and the low level of tender submitted this time reflects historic trend from previous competitive exercises.

It is at award stage that it was identified that the notice was not published on the FTS due to a human error. Publishing on the FTS is a mandatory requirement for tenders over the relevant threshold and should be published here before it is published on Contracts Finder

The Council is of the view that given the low level of responses for this contract historically, the number of interests it originally generated Vs number of response received that the number of respondents would not be different, and that the evaluation carried out was fair, open and transparent. The publication of this notice is to rectify the non-publication and to award based on the exercise that did take place with some advertising.

Consultation with Procurement Legal took place and this publication is intended to publish the outcome of the competitive tender exercise.

Publishing on the FTS is a mandatory requirement for tenders over the relevant threshold as well as publishing awards

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

61856

### **Title**

Leeds Sensory Impairment Support Service

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

29 March 2023

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

BID Services

Deaf Cultural Centre, Ladywood Road

Birmingham

B16 8SZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG31 - Birmingham

Charity Commission (England and Wales)

1053184

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £6,587,200

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**V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

The High Court of Justice

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom