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LEARNING DISABILITIES FLOATING AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

London Borough of Camden

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

London Borough of Camden

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI31 - Camden and City of London

London Borough of Camden

London Borough of Camden

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.camden.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**

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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 London Borough of Camden ("The Authority") intends to award a nine-month contract to the incumbent provider, Centre 404. This Voluntary Ex-Ante Transparency Notice is being published to inform the market.

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: £1,313,846

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85312000 - Social work services without accommodation

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Main site or place of performance

The service will be carried out in the London Borough of Camden

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Camden wide Floating support service is available to people with learning disabilities (PWLD) who have eligible needs under the Care Act 2014. The model takes a strengths-based approach which is in line with the commitments in the "Supporting People, Connecting Communities" strategy and "We Make Camden".

It offers high quality, flexible and personalised support in one-to-one and group settings, with the key objectives of supporting people to live independently in their own home, develop practical independent living skills and take part in their local community. This is achieved by offering a range of strengths-based interventions, including but not limited to low level preventative support to improve health outcomes; skills development to reduce need for longer term support; and wrap around support to manage a crisis.

The process required the incumbent provider to submit a formal proposal in response to a number of quality questions based on the areas listed below. Their proposal was evaluated by a panel of council officers from Commissioning, Camden Learning Disabilities Service (CLDS) and Children and Young People's Service (CYPDS). There was also an option for the panel to meet with Centre 404 to discuss their proposals if required.

Quality:

- Delivery Model
- Making friends/ reducing social isolation
- Equality Diversity and Inclusion
- Finding suitable and sustainable employment/ volunteering opportunities
- Social value

A robust negotiation process was used with Centre 404, the current provider who has a proven track record of delivering quality services and working effectively with the council.

Centre 404's response was evaluated by a panel of officers using a 0-5 scoring matrix. A quality threshold with a minimum score of three for each question was applied and clarification questions were sought, where required, to ensure this threshold was met.

Centre 404 completed a pricing schedule setting out details of service-related costs. This was reviewed and clarity was sought from them as part of the negotiation process to ensure that the Council achieved value for money.

Please note London Living Wage will form part of the contract Terms and Conditions.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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:

Intention to award a contract under Regulation 32 (2) (c) of the Public contract Regulations 2015. The need to directly award a 9-month contract following a robust negotiation process was based on the exceptional circumstances the Council found itself in after one of the two contractors decided to cease trading, thereby stopping the planned recommissioning of the new longer-term contract. A ten day standstill period is now in place and will end on 28th June 2024

Previously Camden had awarded two contracts to two providers to deliver LD Floating Support in the North and South of the Borough. The provider that delivered in the South of the Borough ceased trading. Camden Council reviewed the need to re tender the service and found that there would not be time to do so. The council is statutorily obliged through the Care Act to meet the needs of the residents who use the service. Continuity of care and minimising disruption are key to their wellbeing and informed the council regarding the need for a direct award.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Title

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

23 April 2024

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

Centre 404

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI43 - Haringey and Islington

Companies House

<https://centre404.org.uk>

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: £1,313,846

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

London Borough of Camden

London

Country

United Kingdom