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Planning

Direct Payment Support Services Market Engagement Events

Essex County Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Direct Payment Support Services Market Engagement Events

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

In preparation for a proposed forthcoming procurement opportunity to provide support to people to manage a direct payment, Essex County Council ("the Council") would like to invite organisations to participate in a market engagement event. The Council is likely to commission the following support for a direct payment support service (DPSS):

- Employment Advice and Guidance
- Account management
- Payroll
- Information and advice in relation to direct payments

The council may also look to source:

- Brokerage to source support
- Digital solution to manage a direct payment
- Support to recruit, train, retain and manage Personal Assistants

The Council may look to engage with more than one provider to provide all or parts of these services in order to create choice for people who will access the services.

The Council may structure the corresponding procurement opportunity so that a number of providers will deliver all the core aspects of the service. However, the Council reserves the right to refine the scope of this procurement following the market engagement events for this project. The final scope of the procurement including the use of lots will be published in the corresponding Contract Notice prior to the formal launch of this procurement opportunity.

Prospective providers are invited to attend the initial market engagement session for this project which is scheduled to take place on Monday 13th September 2021 between 14:00 and 15:30 and will be conducted online via Microsoft Teams.

During this event, the Council will present an overview of the co-production findings and their draft commissioning intentions and vision for the Direct payment support offer in Essex.

If required, there will also be opportunities to book 15 minute individual slots to talk to the commissioners about the service.

To reserve a space at this event please e-mail:

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by 17:00 on Thursday 9th September 2021. Prospective providers are advised that this event is intended to form the initial market engagement session in relation to this project and the Council will publish details of any future sessions via separate notices in due course.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Employment Advice and Guidance

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85321000 - Administrative social services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Prospective bidders are advised that the Council will finalise the scope of the forthcoming procurement opportunity following the conclusion of the market engagement and reserves the right to amend the scope of this service accordingly. For the avoidance of any further doubt, please be advised that the inclusion of lots within this PIN are provided for indicative purposes only due to the requirements of the online form and remain subject to confirmation by the Council.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Account management

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85321000 - Administrative social services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Payroll

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85321000 - Administrative social services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Information and advice in relation to direct payments

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85321000 - Administrative social services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

7 February 2022

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: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Prospective bidders are advised that the Council will finalise the scope of the forthcoming procurement opportunity following the conclusion of the market engagement and reserves the right to amend the scope of this service accordingly. For the avoidance of any further doubt, please be advised that the inclusion of lots within this PIN are provided for indicative purposes only due to the requirements of the online form and remain subject to confirmation by the Council. Likewise, the inclusion of any dates for the proposed procurement opportunity are provided for indicative purposes only and the Council reserves the right to amend this information following confirmation of the procurement timetable for this project. Full details of the structure of this procurement and associated timetable will be detailed within the corresponding Contract Notice in due course.