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Contract

Childrens Services Advocacy Support and Legal Representation

Scottish Government

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10482

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Childrens Services Advocacy Support and Legal Representation

Reference number

581963

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Scottish Government was seeking a supplier to provide a demand led service for both Advocacy Support and Legal Advice service to children, aged 12-15.

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: £912,701

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79112000 - Legal representation services
- 79100000 - Legal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Scottish Government had a requirement to place a contract with an external service provider for the Provision of Children's Service – Advocacy Support and Legal Representation.

The Education (Additional Support for Learning) Act 2004 provides the legal Framework for the provision of additional support for learning. The Education (Scotland) Act 2016 amends the 2004 Act to provide that children (aged Between 12-15 with capacity) can

access certain rights conferred on them by the 2004 Act.

The Service Provision consisted of the management/administration and delivery of the following:

Advocacy Support – To support children to prepare them to use their rights, using these rights and understanding the outcome of their use and to support children to understand the outcome where their parents have used their rights in relation to the child.

Legal Representation – To provide advice and representation in support of children using their rights to make a reference to the Additional Support Needs jurisdiction of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Understanding of the Requirement / Weighting: 40

Quality criterion - Name: Service management, Ordering and Contract Management including Data Collection, Protection and Confidentiality / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Staff and Service/Contract Quality Management / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Community Benefits / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Work First / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Exit Strategy / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Business Continuity and Disaster Recover (BCDR) / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 30

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

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

581963

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

27 June 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Partners in Advocacy

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Edinburgh

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £860,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £912,701

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted

Sub contractor is Cairn Legal for Legal Representation

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Question Scoring Methodology for Award Criteria was outlined in Invitation to Tender.

0 Unacceptable Nil or inadequate response. Fails to demonstrate an ability to meet the requirement.

1 Poor Response is partially relevant but generally poor. The response addresses some elements of the requirement but contains insufficient/limited detail or explanation to demonstrate how the requirement will be fulfilled.

2 Acceptable Response is relevant and acceptable. The response addresses a broad understanding of the requirement but may lack details on how the requirement will be fulfilled in certain areas.

3 Good Response is relevant and good. The response is sufficiently detailed to demonstrate a good understanding and provides details on how the requirements will be fulfilled.

4 Excellent Response is completely relevant and excellent overall. The response is comprehensive, unambiguous and demonstrates a thorough understanding of the requirement and provides details of how the requirement would be met in full.

Additional criteria for Cyber and Data Security Question.

Cyber security was to be scored on a pass/fail basis.

Tenderers were also asked to confirm that they will pay staff that are involved in the delivery of services under the contract, at least the real Living Wage.

Tenderers who did not pass these questions would not be subject to Commercial Analysis. As a result the tender will not be considered further.

Bidders must have completed the SPD (Scotland) to demonstrate adherence to the Exclusion and Selection Criteria for this procurement.

If there are named subcontractors/technicians upon which the bidder will rely to meet the selection criteria, these named parties must complete and reattach the SPD Supplier Response Form attached to SPD

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom