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Tender

Dynamic Purchasing System for Employability and Skills

Belfast City Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Belfast City Council

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKN06 - Belfast

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.belfastcity.gov.uk

I.3) Communication

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

<http://e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<http://e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to 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

Dynamic Purchasing System for Employability and Skills

Reference number

T2150

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Belfast City Council's Economic Development Unit delivers a range of employment and skills interventions which are informed by and are responsive to employer needs across the city.

The Council wishes to establish a new Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for Employability and Skills ("DPS:E&S").

The DPS will be used by the Council to provide flexible and responsive delivery of employability and skills related interventions which are reflective of market conditions, changing labour market dynamics, and which are aligned to deliver the maximum impact for the City and its economic growth agenda.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN06 - Belfast

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Belfast City Council is seeking to appoint a number of contractors that meet the standards required. The contractors will be able to apply for any number of the workstreams/categories listed. Below are workstreams/categories that the Council has a requirement for, this is not an exhaustive list and further workstreams/categories may be added during the life of the DPS:

Category 1 - Care Sectors:

Sub-Category 1a: Health Care and/or Social Care

Sub-Category 1b: Education and/or Childcare/Playwork

Category 2 - Customer Service Sectors:

Sub-Category 2a: Leisure

Sub-Category 2b: Hospitality and/or Retail

Sub-Category 2c: Tourism

Category 3 - Practical Sectors:

Sub-Category 3a: Transport & Logistics

Sub-Category 3b: Green Economy

Sub-Category 3c: Construction

Sub-Category 3d: Manufacturing

Category 4 - Office Based Sectors:

Sub-Category 4a: Administration and/or Financial

Sub-Category 4b: Digital

Category 5 - Employability Support:

Sub-Category 5a: Capacity Building

Sub-Category 5b: Employer Support

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: £3,000,000

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

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The DPS:E&S will be established for an initial period of five years with an option to extend. The decision on extension of the DPS:E&S validity period will be solely at the Council's discretion.

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

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

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

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

Notice number: [2019/S 145-357197](#)

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

Date

21 September 2021

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

21 September 2021

Local time

12:05pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

Assessment of Applications for DPS:

The Council shall assess, in accordance with the selection criteria, all applications for a Sub-Category that are received by the initial deadline for receipt of requests to participate (21st September 2021) before it issues an invitation to tender in respect of that Sub-Category. Suppliers shall be notified at the earliest possible opportunity of whether or not they have been successful in being appointed to a Sub-Category for which they have submitted an application. Only once all the initial applications for a Sub-Category have been assessed and Suppliers notified shall an invitation to tender be issued in respect of that Sub-Category. For the avoidance of doubt, Sub-Categories will be closed to applications between the initial deadline for receipt of requests to participate (21st September 2021) and the issue of a first invitation to tender in respect of that Sub-Category. Only once this process has been completed and a Sub-Category is live (i.e. after issuing of the first invitation to tender) will subsequent applications to join a DPS Sub-Category be considered by the Council. The Council shall evaluate such subsequent applications in respect of that Sub-Category in accordance with the selection criteria within 10 working days of their receipt. This period may be extended to 15 working days where necessary, for example because of the need to examine additional documentation or to otherwise verify whether the selection criteria are met.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3JY

Country

United Kingdom