

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/020716-2022>

Tender

SC20074 - Eleven Plus for Kent Schools

Kent County Council

F01: Prior information notice

Call for competition

Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-020716

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03572f

Published 29 July 2022, 9:04am

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Kent County Council

Sessions House

Maidstone

ME14 1XQ

Contact

Mrs Claire Jane

Email

Claire.Jane@kent.gov.uk

Telephone

+44 3000421875

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ4 - Kent

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.kent.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<http://www.kent.gov.uk>

I.3) Communication

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

www.kentbusinessportal.co.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.kentbusinessportal.co.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

SC20074 - Eleven Plus for Kent Schools

Reference number

DN624847

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80100000 - Primary education services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Kent County Council (KCC) is issuing this Prior Information Notice (PIN) with Call for Competition in accordance with clause 48 (section 5) of the Public Contracts Regulations (PCR) 2015. KCC currently runs the Eleven Plus for Kent Schools process which aims, principally through testing, to identify pupils in the top 25% of the ability range, as eligible for admission to Year 7 of any of the county's grammar schools at age 11. KCC seeks Expressions of Interest (EOI) from suppliers with specialist knowledge in the design, development, assessment and standardisation of school entrance examinations.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Introduction

Kent County Council (KCC) is issuing this Prior Information Notice (PIN) with Call for Competition in accordance with clause 48 (section 5) of the Public Contracts Regulations (PCR) 2015. KCC currently runs the Eleven Plus for Kent Schools process which aims, principally through testing, to identify pupils in the top 25% of the ability range, as eligible for admission to Year 7 of any of the county's grammar schools at age 11. KCC seeks Expressions of Interest (EOI) from suppliers with specialist knowledge in the design, development, assessment and standardisation of school entrance examinations.

Description of Work

Kent County Council's Fair Access team (within the Children, Young People and Education Directorate) runs a grammar school selection process for all 32 selective schools in the Local Authority area. Each year, this involves testing pupils from schools inside and outside the area (this year 18,000 candidates are taking part).

We are looking for providers interested in undertaking the following tasks in respect of school admissions for September 2024, tests for which will take place in early September 2023:

- Devising, printing and supplying short tests (approx 25 minutes duration) covering English, Mathematics and Verbal / Non-Verbal Reasoning, suitable for use in a process which selects approximately the top 25% of the ability range at the start of Year 6. Subject tests to reflect the expectations of the National Curriculum for this age group. Content to be secure and not used in neighbouring areas. Test format to be multiple-choice with separate, machine-markable, double-sided answer sheets which can be printed or overprinted to include individual pupil details (name, school, date of birth).
- Supplying comprehensive administration instructions in a proportionate number of printed manuals.
- Supplying a small number of tests in a modified (enlarged) format and offering further modification if required.
- Providing one set of generic familiarisation materials plus answer booklet to demonstrate the format and question types, which can be made available online for download by schools, parents or pupils.
- Supplying accurate and reliable test-marking software (plus a small quantity of printed marking manuals) and providing technical support throughout the marking process.

- Providing a means of age-standardising candidates' scores for each of the three tests to national norms.

Expressions of Interest

All Expressions of Interest should be submitted no later than 12 noon on Friday 2nd September 2022 via the Kent Business Portal (www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk). All respondents should articulate their experience and capabilities of delivering this service in no more than 1000 words in a Word document.

Should you have any queries regarding this PIN with Call for Competition please message via the Kent Business Portal by Friday 26th August 2022 at 12 noon.

Tender

In line with clause 48 (section 5) of the Public Contracts Regulations (PCR) 2015, this contract will be procured by Competitive procedure with negotiation.

Any further tender documentation will be published via the Kent Business Portal (www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk).

The tender process will consist of two elements: Selection and Award.

Selection is designed to assess the Tenderer's capability and capacity. Tenderers must complete the Selection Questionnaire, which will include mandatory requirements and the provision of case studies.

Award is designed to assess the service provision along with any associated services and value for money. The criteria for the award of contract will be a combination of cost and quality, with the quality determined by a series of weighted quality and capability questions.

The initial contract term will be three years, with the potential of two optional extensions each of one year. The estimated contract value across a five-year contract will be no more than £1,000,000.

Contract Start

If Kent County Council decides to proceed with procuring a supplier to supply the Eleven Plus for Kent Schools, the estimated date for contract start would be 1st February 2023.

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: £1,000,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Up to two further 12 month extensions

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

Competitive procedure with negotiation

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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest

Date

2 September 2022

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Kent County Council

Sessions House

Maidstone

ME14 1SQ

Email

indirectprocurement@kent.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom