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## **Autism Assessment and Diagnostic Framework Agreement**

Norfolk County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02d8dd

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Norfolk County Council

County Hall, Martineau Lane

Norwich

NR1 1DH

#### **Email**

[sourcingteam@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:sourcingteam@norfolk.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk)

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc/asp/Home>

### **I.3) Communication**

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

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc/asp/Home>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc/asp/Home>

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### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

### **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Autism Assessment and Diagnostic Framework Agreement

Reference number

NCCT42100

### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

### **II.1.4) Short description**

Norfolk County Council wishes to establish a multi supplier framework agreement for the provision of Autism Assessment and Diagnosis Services. The framework will be for 5 years from October 2021, with the option to extend for up to a further 5 years; subject to agreement of Norfolk County Council with the service providers. Full details of the requirement can be found in the Service Specification, which forms a Schedule to the Terms and Conditions.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £5,000,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH17 - Breckland and South Norfolk
- UKH16 - North and West Norfolk
- UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Norfolk County Council wishes to establish a multi supplier framework agreement for the provision of Autism Assessment and Diagnosis. The framework will be for 5 years from October 2021, with the option to extend for up to a further 5 years; subject to agreement of Norfolk County Council with the service providers. The Council is subject to the Public

Contracts Regulations 2015 and will be carrying out this procurement in accordance with the Light Touch Regime which applies to social services. We reserve the right to update the Framework Agreement and all schedules or to add new lots where requirements have not been identified at the outset of this Framework. If we update any documents or add new lots in this way, we will issue a notice to all Providers already on the Framework stating that a new specification/lot is available and give all Providers already on the Framework an opportunity to state whether they wish to provide the new requirement.

#### **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: £5,000,000

#### **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 Framework Agreement may be opened periodically for new providers subject to demand. Please note the value of £5000000 is based on the current annual budget. The actual value will only be determined by need.

#### **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

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## **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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 50

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

The framework will be for 5 years from October 2021, with the option to extend for up to a further 5 years; subject to agreement of Norfolk County Council with the service providers. The Council is subject to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and will be carrying out this procurement in accordance with the Light Touch Regime which applies to social services.

#### **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 tenders or requests to participate**

Date

30 September 2021

Local time

11:00am

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

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

30 September 2021

Local time

11:05am

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: The Framework may be opened for new providers periodically subject to demand.

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.3) Additional information**

This procurement will be managed electronically via the Council's e-procurement system.

To participate in this procurement, applicants must first be registered on the system at <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc>. Full instructions for registration and use of the system can be found at <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc/asp/BuyerProfiles>. Once registered you will be able to see the procurement project under the `tenders` section and `express an interest`. If you encounter any difficulties whilst using the system you can contact the In-tend support team by phoning +44 8442728810 or e-mailing [support@in-tend.co.uk](mailto:support@in-tend.co.uk). Please note the value of £5000000 is based on the current annual budget. The actual value will only be determined by need.

## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Norfolk County Council

Norwich

Country

United Kingdom

### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Proceedings must be brought within 30 days from the date of knowledge (the date on which the economic operator first knew or ought to have known that grounds for starting the proceedings had arisen) unless the Court considers that there is good reason for extending the period within which proceedings may be brought, in which case the Court may extend that period up to a maximum of 3 months from the date of knowledge.

### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Norfolk County Council - Procurement Department

Norwich

Country

United Kingdom