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## **Befriending Service for Children and Young People**

North Lanarkshire Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-047be2

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

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

North Lanarkshire Council

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Motherwell

ML1 1AB

#### **Email**

[corporateprocurement@northlan.gov.uk](mailto:corporateprocurement@northlan.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00010](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00010)

## **I.3) Communication**

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

[www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

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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**

Befriending Service for Children and Young People

Reference number

NLC-CPT-24-019

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

- 85322000 - Community action programme

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

Services

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

The Authority seeks provision of a volunteer befriending service across the Council area for vulnerable, socially isolated Children/Young People identified by the Council as requiring additional support. The provision will support Children/Young People aged 8 to 18 years who live within North Lanarkshire, who are vulnerable and isolated and may be affected by a disability.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 85310000 - Social work services
- 85322000 - Community action programme
- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 85300000 - Social work and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

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

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North Lanarkshire Council operate a 'Befriending Service', outsourced to a specialist provider, who will support children and young people across North Lanarkshire with supportive, reliable relationships from volunteer befrienders to people who may otherwise be socially isolated.

Volunteers act as positive adult role models to the young people. Through undertaking social, leisure and educational activities and outings with the young people, the volunteers encourage them to make positive changes in their lives which will benefit themselves and the local community.

Befriending can also reduce the burden on other services which people may use inappropriately as they seek social contact.

The Befriending service is based on the following main principles:

Best interests, choices, ideas, preferences, needs

Valuing and support

Working together

Rights based approach; listening, empowerment, prevention

In North Lanarkshire, a befriending service has always meant ensuring that children and young people have as much choice and control as possible in overcoming life difficulties that they may face. The approach is based on promoting independence and social inclusion.

Full details are available in the ITT document.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

### **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

The Agreement will be awarded for a total of circa 36 months with the council reserving the option to review its options then and throughout the full term.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Agreement will be awarded for a total of circa 36 months with the council reserving the option to review its options then and throughout the full term.

### **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

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

Further information on contract performance conditions is located within the Annex 7 of ITT document within the PCS-Tender System.

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

Date

2 August 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

**IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

2 August 2024

Local time

12:00pm

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Tenders received will be opened in accordance with condition 18.5 of the Councils General Contract Standing Orders. Date and time of the Opening of Tenders (as stated above) is subject to change at the Councils sole discretion.

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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 Agreement will be awarded for a total of circa 36 months with the council reserving the option to review its options then and throughout the full term.

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

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

Tenderers are encouraged to review and familiarise themselves with the ITT document located within the Supplier Attachment Area of the PCS Tender System prior to submitting a Tender.

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Bidders must complete the SPD (Scotland) within the Qualification Envelope of the PCS-Tender System as part of their submitted Tender.

Full details of the selection criteria, minimum requirements and any associated assessment approach are as stated in the procurement documents / PCS-Tender System.

All Tenderers must also complete the required Technical and Commercial Envelopes within the PCS-Tender System as instructed.

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Late Tenders will not be considered under any circumstances.

The Council will not provide additional notification to any Bidder of the rejection of a late Tender.

For the avoidance of any doubt, automated messages confirming receipt of a Tender should not be taken to imply acceptance of it by the Council.



The Council reserves the right to exclude any unclear, erroneous, qualified and / or incomplete Tenders received.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 27120. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

Further information on Community Benefits is located within the Annex 2 of ITT document and Technical Envelope within the PCS-Tender System

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

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

Scottish Courts

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom

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

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

An economic operator that suffers, or is at risk of suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014, may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Courts or the Court of Session.