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Tender

Befriending Service for Children and Young People

North Lanarkshire Council

F02: Contract notice

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

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

North Lanarkshire Council

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Email

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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

I.3) Communication

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

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

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

www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.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

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.