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Request for Information - School Counselling Services Framework Agreement

The Highland Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00045

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from 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**

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85312320 - Counselling services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Highland Council currently provides a school counselling service for children and young people (CYP) over the age of 10 years. The service offers these pupils access to one-to-one, face-to-face sessions within the school environment, with the facility for online sessions when required. Sessions are provided by a fully trained counsellor who is registered with an appropriate governing body and fulfils the competencies for working with children and young people. The service offers 50-minute sessions within a confidential space with a requirement for pre and post counselling assessment based on the Child or young person's perspective.

The current Framework Agreement is due to expire in April 2025. The Council are currently exploring the most effective route to market for the new Framework Agreement and are looking for some input from service providers.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £4,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85312320 - Counselling services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

See documentation for further information.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 December 2024

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Please see attached documentation for further information.

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