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Contract

## **Advocacy Services In Essex**

Essex County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-041bc3

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

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

Essex County Council

County Hall, Market Road

Chelmsford

CM1 1QH

#### **Contact**

MR Jon Rockstad

#### **Email**

[Jon.Rockstad@essex.gov.uk](mailto:Jon.Rockstad@essex.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKH3 - Essex

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/>

**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**

Advocacy Services In Essex

Reference number

DN699203

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

- 85312000 - Social work services without accommodation

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

Services

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

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To deliver Advocacy Services in Essex.

Essex-wide Independent Statutory and Non-statutory Advocacy Service for eligible children,

young people, and adults in Essex.

The contract length will be 5 years with an option to extend for a further two years and will deliver the following services:

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Lowest offer: £7,200,000 / Highest offer: £8,600,000 taken into consideration

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

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

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Statutory Advocacy services

- Independent Advocacy for Children and Young People – Building on

Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and

the Childrens Act, support is given to an individual to express views,

wishes and feelings and to make and influence decisions about their lives

including making complaints under s24D or s26 of the Childrens Act

1989.

- Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy (IMCA) – support whilst undergoing a mental capacity assessment, or best interest decision.

- Paid Relevant Person Representative (RPR) – An advocate who maintains contact, represents and supports in all matters relating to the

Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS)

- Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA) – An advocate who

supports an individual with mental health care and treatment issues, and understanding their rights (Mental Health Act).

- Independent Care Act Advocacy (ICAA) – An advocate who will support people to understand their rights under the Care Act and to be fully involved in a local authority assessment, care review, care and support planning or safeguarding process.

- Independent Health Complaints Advocacy (IHCA) – Provides support to

people who want to complain about their NHS care or treatment.

Non-statutory services:

- Advocacy support for the parents of children undergoing an assessment for, or subject to, a Child in Need or Child Protection Plan
- General Advocacy
- Peer and Citizen Advocacy

There is a ceiling price of £8.6m and a floor price of £7.2m for contract years 1 to 7 and bids that exceed or fall below these prices will be automatically disqualified from the process. There is a ceiling price of £5.8m and a floor price of £4.9m for contract years 1 to 5 and bids that exceed or fall below these prices will be automatically disqualified from the process.

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

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 30

Cost criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

#### **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 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: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-034462](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

DN699203

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

28 March 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

VoiceAbility Advocacy

110 C/O Sayer Vincent, Invicta House, 110 Golden Lane

London

EC1Y 0TL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

Yes

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Lowest offer: £7,200,000 / Highest offer: £8,600,000 taken into consideration

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Essex County Council

Chelmsford

Country

United Kingdom