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Tender

Warwickshire Recovery & Investment Fund: External Fund Management Services - Local Communities & Enterprise

Warwickshire County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Warwickshire County Council

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WARWICK

CV344RL

Email

procurement@warwickshire.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKG13 - Warwickshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.warwickshire.gov.uk

Buyer's address

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/procurement

I.3) Communication

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

www.csw-jets.co.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.csw-jets.co.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

Warwickshire Recovery & Investment Fund: External Fund Management Services - Local Communities & Enterprise

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 66000000 - Financial and insurance services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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The WRIF will comprise of three pillars of support:

- Business Investment Growth - Debt finance to growing medium and larger businesses with sound prospects (likely to be in the region of £90 million).
- Local Communities and Enterprise - Smaller loans in order to support small businesses, including start-ups and social enterprises (likely to be in the region of £10 million).
- Property and Infrastructure - Investment in commercial sites and premises to encourage businesses to invest in Warwickshire and create jobs. (likely to be in the region of £40 million).

Warwickshire County Council ('the Council') is seeking an External Fund Manager to manage one element of the Warwickshire Recovery and Investment Fund (WRIF); the Local Communities and Enterprise Pillar.

This ITT relates to the requirement for the Local Communities and Enterprise Pillar. The Local Communities and Enterprise Pillar is aimed at smaller businesses, new business start-ups, early phase businesses, and social enterprises. The focus is on micro (less than 10 employees) and small businesses (less than 50 employees) but will consider applications from medium-sized enterprises up to 250 employees on a case by case basis.

The Fund Manager will be responsible for the set up and day to day management and administration of the Fund for the Local Communities and Enterprise Pillar.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: Yes

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract term will be for an Initial Term of 5 years of investment activity, which is likely to be followed by up to 7 years of monitoring and managing the loan book.

The Council (at its sole discretion) may extend the Initial Term of 5 years by a further period or periods not exceeding in total a further nine (9) years by giving the Fund Manager reasonable (in the Council's opinion) written notice prior to the expiry of the Initial Term or any extension to the term.

Any such extension shall be for a minimum period of six (6) months and the overall term of this Agreement shall not in any event exceed fourteen (14) years commencing on the Start Date.

II.2.14) Additional information

During the course of the contract period the range and scope of these services may be subject to modification and variation to meet the changing needs and requirements of the Council, potential changes in legislation and the changing demands placed on the Council by its customers.

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

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

4 October 2021

Local time

10:00am

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

4 October 2021

Local time

10:15am

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

Warwickshire County Council will be using its e-tendering system (In-Tend) for the administration of this procurement process and providers must register with the system to be able to express an interest.

The web address is: www.csw-jets.co.uk

Registration and use of In-Tend is free. Once registered, all correspondence for this procurement process must be via the in-tend correspondence function. However, if you are unable to register with the website please email us at procurement@warwickshire.gov.uk

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom