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Contract

CR: Delivery Partner of Families First for Children Pathfinder Programme

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03ebb9

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

CR: Delivery Partner of Families First for Children Pathfinder Programme

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73300000 - Design and execution of research and development

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a notice for the Award of Contract: Delivery Partner of Families First for Children Pathfinder Programme.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £972,020.15

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This is a notice for the Award of Contract: Delivery Partner of Families First for Children Pathfinder Programme.

The Independent Care Review and National Panel review made a number of ambitious recommendations to transform support and protection in children's social care (CSC). In response to these recommendations DfE has published its implementation strategy, which sets out its proposed reforms in this area of CSC:

- a. A new category of support – family help – to replace the current framework across voluntary targeted early help services to statutory child in need services.
- b. Restructuring the workforce so a multidisciplinary team of family help workers can own relationships with families in need under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 (this means that a wider range of professionals can lead, rather than always being qualified social workers, as is the current set up).
- c. More effective, integrated multi-agency child protection response, including dedicated, highly skilled professionals from local authorities, police and health with responsibility for specific child protection functions.
- d. Change to organisational culture, involving wider family members and connected people as a central component throughout family help and child protection.

This is a pivotal moment for children's social care. Given the scale and complexity of the reform programme, and the importance of robust testing to inform future policy, we are seeking to contract to an external organisation (a 'Delivery Partner') to support pathfinder local areas to implement new ways of delivering services to children and families; to identify the conditions for successful and sustained implementation of reforms across local areas; and to facilitate learning dissemination, from the programme, across relevant sectors.

The Delivery Partner will work as part of a virtual team with the DfE pathfinder programme team, the external Evaluation Partner and relevant policy officials – working collaboratively towards a shared vision for a reformed children's social care system.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 30

Cost criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

CCS framework MCF3

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 July 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Mutual Ventures

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £972,020.15

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Department for Education

London

Country

United Kingdom