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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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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

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

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Department for Education

London

Country

United Kingdom