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Business Support for Blackpool Council Business Growth Team

Blackpool Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

<http://www.blackpool.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<http://www.blackpool.gov.uk/>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com>

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

Business Support for Blackpool Council Business Growth Team

Reference number

DN669399

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

In April 2022, the Business Growth Team was allocated funding from the government's Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) to deliver a series of capital and revenue projects under the themes of people and skills, supporting local businesses, and community and place. The schemes will provide a wide range of support from physical town centre regeneration, through to direct business support, encouraging existing and new business development. £1.2 million has been allocated to supporting local businesses through a variety of schemes, including enhanced business support to increase entrepreneur and business engagement. The council will administer the projects and some will be delivered through a variety of external organisations and commissioning arrangements like this.

Blackpool Council's Business Growth Team (BGT) is seeking proposals from interested and qualified organisations to deliver the Business Support element of its services. The BGT delivers a range of business support services to contribute to the economic regeneration of Blackpool. The Business Support Element services are currently divided into two main elements

- Start-up business support providing workshops and masterclasses on key topics as well as 1-2-1 mentoring support for those considering starting a business, with a focus on those in the first three years of operation.
- Growth business support aiming to provide support to more established businesses,

assisting them to develop and implement growth plans leading to investment and job creation.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £600,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD42 - Blackpool

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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creation.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Cost criterion - Name: Budget utilisation / Weighting: 40

Cost criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Cost criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000

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

Duration in months

18

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This project is currently only funded to March 2025. The budget available up until this date is £400,000. The Authority is including an option to extend should future funding become available to continue this service.

There will be an option to extend the contract by up to a further 36 months of which it may be:

- A 3 month extension for Monitoring services only (this will not be SPF funded);
- Up to a 36 month delivery extension;
- Both of the above (the initial 3 months being monitoring and delivery and the remaining 33 months being delivery only).

Please note any extension of the service is subject to additional funding being secured, is subject to satisfactory performance and at the discretion of the Authority.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

7 September 2023

Local time

4:30pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

7 September 2023

Local time

4:30pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom