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Tender

Contract for the Provision of Independent Professional Advocacy

City & County of Swansea

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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27 August 2024, 12:00pm

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

City & County of Swansea

Civic Centre

Swansea

SA1 3SN

Email

procurement@swansea.gov.uk

Telephone

+44 1792637242

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKL18 - Swansea

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.swansea.gov.uk/dobusiness>

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0254

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.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

Contract for the Provision of Independent Professional Advocacy

Reference number

CCS/24/099

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Council is seeking to enter into a contract for A Statutory Independent professional advocacy service provided to to adults 18+ with care and support needs in the Swansea area who meet the criteria set out in the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,083,680

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL18 - Swansea

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation

List and brief description of rules and criteria

Please see tender documents

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.1) Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

Please see tender documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure

Please see tender documents

IV.2) Administrative information

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

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Local time

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12:00pm

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

English, Welsh

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

Economic operators interested in submitting a tender can download the tender documents from the eTenderWales portal (<http://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>) you will need to register with eTenderWales if you are not already registered. Please see below instructions on how to register.

1. Register your company on the eTenderWales portal (this is only required once):

- Navigate to the portal: <http://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>
- Click the “Suppliers register here” link.
- Enter your correct business and user details.
- Note the username you chose and click “Save” when complete.
- You will shortly receive an e-mail with your unique password (please keep this secure).
- Agree to the terms and conditions and click “continue”.

2. Express an interest in the project:

- Login to the portal with your username/password.
- Click the “ITTs Open to All Suppliers” link (these are the ITTs open to any registered supplier).
- Click on the relevant ITT to access the content.
- Click the “Express Interest” button in the “Actions” box on the left-hand side of the page.

— This will move the ITT into your “My ITTs” page (this is a secure area reserved for your projects only).

— Click on the ITT code. You can now access any attachments by clicking the “Settings and Buyer Attachments” in the “Actions” box.

3. Responding to the invitation to tender:

— You can now choose to “Reply” or “Reject” (please give a reason if rejecting).

— You can now use the “Messages” function to communicate with the buyer and seek any clarification.

— Note the deadline for completion, then follow the onscreen instructions to complete the ITT.

— There may be a mixture of online and offline actions for you to perform (there is detailed online help available).

If you require any further assistance use the online help. Alternatively, the BravoSolution helpdesk can be contacted (Monday to Friday, 8:00 to 18:00) on:

— E-mail: help@bravosolution.co.uk

— Phone: +44 8003684850

NOTE: The authority is using eTenderwales to carry out this procurement process. To obtain further information record your interest on Sell2Wales at https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/search_switch.aspx?ID=143299

(WA Ref:143299)

The buyer considers that this contract is suitable for consortia.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Telephone

+44 2079477501

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Council will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. This period will extend to 15 calendar days for communication by non-electronic means. Applicants who are unsuccessful shall be informed by the Council as soon as possible after the decision has been made. Should additional information be required it should be requested of the addressee in section I.1. If an appeal regarding the award of the contract has not been successfully resolved, The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales, and Northern Ireland). Any such action must be

brought promptly (generally within 30days). Where a contract has not been entered into, the Court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order the Council to amend any document and may award damages. If the contract has been entered into the Court may, depending on the circumstances, award damages, make a declaration of ineffectiveness, order the Council to pay a civil financial penalty, and/or order that the duration of the contract be shortened. If a declaration of ineffectiveness is sought, any such action must be brought within 30 days where the Council has communicated the award of the contract and a summary of reasons to tenderers, or otherwise within 6 months. The purpose of the standstill period referred to above is to allow the parties to apply to the Courts to set aside the award decision before the contract is entered into.

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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