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Tender

## **Flexible Framework of Independent Fostering Providers**

Bath and North East Somerset Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-023765

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02e448

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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/Procurer/Advert/View?advertId=26f35ef2-a110-ec11-810e-005056b64545>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Flexible Framework of Independent Fostering Providers

Reference number

DN567177

### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

### **II.1.4) Short description**

Bath and North East Somerset Council acting as the Lead Authority on behalf of participating Local Authorities of South Gloucestershire Council, Gloucestershire County Council, North Somerset Council and Bath & North East Somerset Council, is seeking tenders to meet the following categories of need:

1. Standard
2. Children with disabilities
3. Parent & Child
4. Enhanced

The Council wishes to establish a multi-provider Flexible Framework Agreement for the provision of the placement of children and young people in foster care.

The Council is managing this procurement in line with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (Light Touch Regime).

Note: the first opportunity to apply to join the framework will close at 12 noon on Friday 5th November 2021. There will be further opportunities to join the framework on a 6 monthly basis.

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £100,000,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Duration in months

48

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The initial framework term is 4 years, there is potential for extension beyond the initial term of up to 2 years

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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

See tender documentation

### **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

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision

See tender documentation

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

See tender documentation

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Form of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure**

See tender documentation

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Date

31 March 2026

Local time

11:55pm

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

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Bath & North East Somerset Council

Bath

BA1 5AW

Country

United Kingdom