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Independent Children's Rights and Advocacy Services - prj_9392

Ministry of Justice

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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://ministryofjusticecommercial.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://ministryofjusticecommercial.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Independent Children's Rights and Advocacy Services - prj_9392

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Ministry of Justice – the “Authority” - is seeking to procure a provider to deliver advocacy related services to children and young people within the youth justice estate. This procurement is subject to the light touch procurement regime and the Authority will conduct the procurement following the principles of the Open procedure as more particularly set out in the related Invitation to Tender and Contract documents.

Advocacy is about representing the views, wishes and needs of children and young people to decision-makers, and helping them to navigate the system. Advocacy services should provide independent and confidential information, advice, representation, support and advocacy for eligible Children and Young people.

The purpose of advocacy services in youth custody is to support and promote the voice of Children and Young People, assisting them in resolving issues relating to their welfare, care and treatment. The independence of advocacy providers from those operating youth custody establishments is a key safeguard for children.

Providing advocacy services also supports statutory responsibilities and duties placed upon the Authority, including to safeguard Children and Young People in custody, to promote and advance equality and diversity opportunities and protect children's and human rights.

Definitions used in this notice are as set out in the related Invitation to Tender and Contract documents.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £7,700,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75231000 - Judicial services
- 75231200 - Services related to the detention or rehabilitation of criminals
- 75231210 - Imprisonment services
- 75231230 - Prison services
- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Authority is seeking to procure a provider for services required to provide Children & Young People's Advocacy Services in Youth Custody: for all Children and Young People held in Secure Training Centres (STCs) and Young Offender Institutions (YOIs) aged 12-19 Children and Young People held in Secure Children's Homes and/ or a Secure School are not in scope - including the following secure establishments:

- Oakhill STC: accommodating a maximum of 80 children and young people, located in Milton Keynes,
- Cookham Wood YOI: accommodating a maximum of 188 young people, all male, in Kent,
- Feltham YOI: accommodating a maximum of 150 young people, all male, in Middlesex,
- HMPYOI Parc Young Persons' Unit: accommodating a maximum of 46 young people, all male, in Bridgend (South Wales),
- Werrington YOI: accommodating a maximum of 118 young people, all male, in Stoke-on-Trent,

- Wetherby YOI: accommodating a maximum of 336 young people, in West Yorkshire.

There are no youth custody establishments in scope in the NE, NW, EM, E of E and SW of England, or North Wales, but Children and Young People from these areas can and do get sent to custody.

The Supplier will provide a flexible service that can readily respond to the changing needs of Children and Young People in Youth Custody.

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The Supplier must deliver Advocacy Services that enshrine the National Standards, which means that:

- Advocacy is led by Children and Young People's wishes and views, and the whole model of the Services informed by such.
- The Services support Children & Young People so that they are able to understand and exercise their rights. It empowers Children & Young People to represent themselves and ensure their rights are respected and their views and wishes are heard.
- All Children & Young People can access the Services equally, without discrimination. The Services are designed to work with the individual and protected characteristics of each Child or Young Person, including being respectful of their culture and backgrounds.
- Advocacy Services operate independently of Secure Establishments, and respect Children & Young People's privacy and confidentiality.
- Each Child & Young Person receives a high-quality service that is timely in supporting their wishes, needs and dignity throughout their custodial experience.
- Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of Children & Young People will be at the heart

of the Supplier's ethos and culture.

We anticipate being able to offer site visits week commencing 4th September 2023, further details will be provided in due course via the Esourcing portal

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £7,700,000

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

Duration in months

84

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

See the contract

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.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2023/S 000-007281](#)

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

Date

3 October 2023

Local time

1:00pm

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

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 7 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

3 October 2023

Local time

1:01pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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