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## **Skills and Employment Life Opportunities - Lot 1A Framework Agreement for Adults with Learning Disabilities and/or Autism**

Norfolk County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03ae86

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

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

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Norwich

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#### **Contact**

Annie Southgate

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk)

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc/asp/Home>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc/asp/Home>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc/asp/Home>

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

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Skills and Employment Life Opportunities - Lot 1A Framework Agreement for Adults with Learning Disabilities and/or Autism

Reference number

NCCT42639.1A

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

This is the application process to offer the Skills and Employment Pathway under Lot 1A for those with Learning Disability and/or Autism (PWLDA). The procurement creates the foundation to support three distinct pathways which have specific and focused outcomes for adults with learning disabilities and/or autism. The Skills and Employment Pathway has been designed to identify people's ambitions and aspiration and support them to achieve. Bidders should note this is a framework agreement and hence there is no guarantee of the volume of work that will be awarded to you. Lot 1 of this framework was opened in May 2023 and is for the provision of Life Opportunities to Adults with Learning Disability and/or Autism (PWLDA). If you wish to apply to deliver Skills and Employment Services under Lot 1A, it is a requirement that you are also on Lot 1 Life Opportunities to PWLDA. If you are already on Lot 1 you do not need to re-apply. Application to Lot 1A and Lot 1 is included in this pack.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £95,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH17 - Breckland and South Norfolk
- UKH16 - North and West Norfolk
- UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

Main site or place of performance

Norfolk

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

This is the application to Lot 1A of this Framework Agreement and will be open for new applications. Norfolk County Council wished to procure an open framework with a range of different providers delivering life opportunities in Norfolk. The framework will be for 5 years from May 2023, with the option to extend for up to a further 5 years subject to agreement of Norfolk County Council with the service providers. The Council is subject to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and will be carrying out this procurement in accordance with the Light Touch Regime which applies to social services.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 0

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

Value excluding VAT: £95,000,000

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

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

We may open this lot 1A for new applications following this initial opening.

**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

**II.2.14) Additional information**

The initial term is for 5 years with the option to extend by up to 5 years. The value given is an estimate based over the full framework term.

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**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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 500

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

The framework agreement is being awarded under the Light Touch Regime and the Council is using the flexibility which allows, to have a longer term and also to re-open the framework agreement to new providers.

#### **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 000-013167](#)

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

Date

25 September 2023

Local time

11:00am

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

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

25 September 2023

Local time

11:05am

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### **Section VI. Complementary information**

#### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

#### **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**

This procurement will be managed electronically via the Council's e-procurement system. To participate in this procurement, applicants must first be registered on the system at <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc>. Full instructions for registration and use of the system can be found at <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc/asp/BuyerProfiles>. Once registered you will be able to see the procurement project under the `tenders` section and `express an interest` to view the documentation. If you encounter any difficulties whilst using the system you can contact the In-tend support team by phoning +44 8442728810 or e-mailing [support@in-tend.co.uk](mailto:support@in-tend.co.uk). This procurement will be managed electronically via the Council's e-procurement system.

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

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

Norfolk County Council - Head of Procurement Norwich

Norwich

Country

United Kingdom

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

NPLaw - County Hall

Norwich

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern EN Standard form 02 - Contract notice 12 / 19 Ireland). Proceedings must be brought within 30 days from the date of knowledge (the date on which the economic operator first knew or ought to have known that grounds for starting the proceedings had arisen) unless the Court considers that there is good reason for extending the period within which proceedings may be brought, in which case the Court may extend that period up to a maximum of 3 months from the date of knowledge