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Tender

Essex Carers Core Offer of Support

Essex County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03c36a

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Essex County Council

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Chelmsford

CM1 1QH

Contact

Barry Messenger

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH3 - Essex

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.essex.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

Essex Carers Core Offer of Support

Reference number

1023

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Following extensive consultation with carers and partners, the Council co-produced and published the 'Essex All-age Carers Strategy 2022'. The strategy sets out six commitments to Carers:

- Carers can easily access the information, advice, guidance and support when they need it and early into their caring role
- We will support the development of professional practice and processes to improve identification and support to carers
- We will Improve transitions for carers as they move through specific phases or life events in their caring role.
- Carers will have increased opportunity to access good quality support, including opportunities for breaks, to maintain their own wellbeing and those they care for.
- Carers' needs and rights will be understood and recognised across Essex communities.
- Carers will be the experts that influence, shape and be involved in the decisions that are intended to improve their support and wellbeing.

The Essex Carers Support Offer will be centred on the Core Offer. Under the Core Offer, the provider(s) will deliver: One-to-one practical support, brief solution focused

interventions and peer support groups.

Each of these services will be delivered on a locality basis, allowing support to be tailored to local needs. As such, this procurement is divided into 3 Lots, with each Lot corresponding to different locality as set out below, and with the ICB areas in Essex:

1 - West Essex (including the districts of Uttlesford, Harlow and Epping Forest)

2 - Mid and South Essex (including districts and boroughs of Braintree, Maldon, Chelmsford, Brentwood, Basildon, Castle Point and Rochford)

3 - North-East Essex (including the districts of Tendring and Colchester)

This tender addresses the provision of these support services contracts for all ages of unpaid carers across the county of Essex for an initial 3-year period (with a further extension option of up to 2 years).

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £4,700,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 3

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Essex Carers Core Offer of Support - West Essex

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Carers will be the experts that influence, shape and be involved in the decisions that are intended to improve their support and wellbeing.

The Essex Carers Support Offer for West Essex will be centred on the Core Offer. Under the Core Offer, the provider(s) will deliver: One-to-one practical support, brief solution focused interventions and peer support groups.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend for up to a further two years

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will be for an initial 3-year term commencing on 1st April 2024 with an option at the Council's sole discretion to extend for up to a further 2 years.

The estimated value in II.1.5 represents the maximum estimated value of 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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Essex Carers Core Offer of Support - Mid and South Essex

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The Essex Carers Support Offer for Mid and South Essex will be centred on the Core Offer. Under the Core Offer, the provider(s) will deliver: One-to-one practical support, brief solution focused interventions and peer support groups.

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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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Essex Carers Core Offer of Support - North East Essex

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The Essex Carers Support Offer for North-East Essex will be centred on the Core Offer. Under the Core Offer, the provider(s) will deliver: One-to-one practical support, brief solution focused interventions and peer support groups.

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Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

Conditions: Tenderers are required to have a legally established company, registered in the United Kingdom.

In accordance with Regulations 56 to 58 of The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and as set out in the standard selection questionnaire which is available with the tender documents.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

Tenderers must have the financial capacity/provide assurance that the tenderer will be financially viable to fulfil the contract. Selection criteria and method for the assessment of financial viability detailed in the procurement documents.

In accordance with Regulations 56 to 58 of The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and as set out in the standard selection questionnaire which is available with the 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

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision

The tender documents contain provisions that relate in particular to social and environmental matters. See also the form of contract supplied with the tender documents.

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: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2023/S 000-011598](#)

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

Date

20 October 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

20 October 2023

Local time

1:00pm

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

Essex County Council

County Hall, Market Road

Chelmsford

CM1 1QH

Country

United Kingdom