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Tender

## **All Age Advocacy Service and Independent Visiting Service**

Suffolk County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02eab6

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

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

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United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKH14 - Suffolk

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.suffolksourcing.uk](http://www.suffolksourcing.uk)

**I.3) Communication**

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

[www.suffolksourcing.uk](http://www.suffolksourcing.uk)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

**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**

All Age Advocacy Service and Independent Visiting Service

Reference number

CD1334

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85312400 - Welfare services not delivered through residential institutions

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

Services

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

Suffolk County Council are currently out to tender for the provision of - Lot 1 - All Age Advocacy Service - The service will be required to offer an integrated advocacy service, meeting all the statutory requirements placed on Suffolk County Council for the provision of advocacy. Lot 2 - Independent Visiting Service - To provide an independent visiting service for eligible children in care. We will contract with a single organisation for each Lot who will act as lead partner/organisation and be accountable to us for the full delivery of the contract, including the services delivered by their partners/sub contractors. This is a Light Touch Regime tender. The deadline date for submissions of the tender is 10th November 2021. Please note late returns will NOT be permitted. The deadline for clarification questions is 27th October 2021 which must be generated via the correspondence option on the website

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

Value excluding VAT: £4,975,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 - All Age Advocacy Service

Lot No

Lot 1

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

- 85312400 - Welfare services not delivered through residential institutions
- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services
- 85320000 - Social services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk

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

The service will be required to offer an integrated advocacy service, meeting all the statutory requirements placed on Suffolk County Council for the provision of advocacy. We will contract with a single organisation for each Lot who will act as lead partner/organisation and be accountable to us for the full delivery of the contract, including the services delivered by their partners/sub contractors.

### **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: £4,850,000

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

Start date

1 April 2022

End date

31 March 2027

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Contract is for a period of 3 years with the option to extend for a period of up to 24 months

### **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**

This tender is a Light Touch Regime open tender with negotiation.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Independent Visiting Service

Lot No

Lot 2

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

- 85320000 - Social services
- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services
- 85312400 - Welfare services not delivered through residential institutions

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

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk

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To provide an independent visiting service for eligible children in care.

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

Date

10 November 2021

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**

Tender must be valid until: 11 December 2021

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

Date

10 November 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

### **VI.3) Additional information**

If the Contracting Authority identifies that the scope of this procurement falls within a business sector which may be attractive to infiltration by organised crime groups, the Contracting Authority reserves the right to include enhanced probity checks / requirements at the award stages of the procurement. Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: Suffolk County Council incorporates a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period from the point at which information on the award of contract is communicated to the tenderers. This period allows unsuccessful tenderers to seek further debriefing from the contracting authority before the contract is entered into. If an appeal regarding the award of contract has not been successfully resolved: The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or at risk of harm by a breach of the rules, to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Any such action must be brought promptly.

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

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

Suffolk County Council

Ipswich

Country

United Kingdom