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Contract

Independent Visitor, Children's Rights and Advocacy Service

West Berkshire Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0347e0

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

West Berkshire Council

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKJ11 - Berkshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.westberks.gov.uk

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

Independent Visitor, Children's Rights and Advocacy Service

Reference number

P00000746

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85320000 - Social services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Children Acts 1989 and 2004 stipulate that a Local Authority has to appoint an Independent Visitor (IV) for any child they are looking after if the Authority thinks it would be in the child's best interests. An Independent Visitor is a volunteer who is independent of social care services, and they are there to visit and to 'befriend and advise' the child. This service also provides a Children's Rights and Advocacy Service for Children in Need, Children subject to Child Protection Plans, Children in Care and Care Leavers.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £341,250

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85320000 - Social services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ11 - Berkshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Cost criterion - Name: 40% / Weighting: 40%

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: Yes

Identification of the project

Independent Visitor, Children's Rights & Advocacy Service

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Title

Independent Visitor, Children's Rights & Advocacy Service

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

13 September 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

National Youth Advocacy Service

Tower House, Tower Road, Birkenhead. Merseyside. CH41 1 FF

Merseyside

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ11 - Berkshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £347,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £347,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Independent Visitor, Children's Rights & Advocacy Service.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

West Berkshire Council

Newbury

Country

United Kingdom