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Tender

Cumbria Equipment Retailers Service - Supply of Care Equipment for Daily Living (Simple Aids by Prescription) Framework

Cumbria County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03691c

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.the-chest.org.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

Cumbria Equipment Retailers Service - Supply of Care Equipment for Daily Living (Simple Aids by Prescription) Framework

Reference number

DN633522

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33000000 - Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The retail model was a Department of Health led initiative which used a national specification and tariff price list. The requirement to use these ended when the DoH transferred responsibility to local authorities in each area where it is operating.

The retailer network is used by the NHS and the Council. Practitioners issue prescriptions for equipment from an approved equipment list. Issuing practitioners can include occupational therapists from the Council and nurses and OTs from the NHS. Users can redeem prescriptions at retailers' premises. Practitioners can also prescribe delivery and fit as necessary for the customer. The current cost of delivery and fit within a 10-mile radius is £14.45 plus £2.89 per additional prescribed item to be fitted. Cumbria does not currently pay a tariff for delivery and fit over 10 miles although some retailers provide this service at the 10-mile tariff rate.

Please note that Cumbria is currently undergoing a Local Government Reorganisation. Government has announced that Cumbria County Council and the six district councils are to be replaced by two unitary authorities with effect from 01 April 2023. This Framework Agreement is for use by the Contracting Authorities identified in the contract notice and any successor council as defined in The Local Government (Structural Changes) (Transfer of Functions, Property, Rights and Liabilities) Regulations 2008 to those Contracting Authorities.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD1 - Cumbria

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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

Start date

22 November 2022

End date

21 May 2026

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 periods of 12 month extension available

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

It will run for a maximum of 3.5 years with 2 optional extensions of 12 months each making a total possible extension of 24 months.

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 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

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

years:

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

14 October 2022

Local time

3:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

14 October 2022

Local time

3:00pm

Place

The electronic seal will be broken after the deadline on 14/10/2022 at 3pm.

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Authorised staff from Cumbria County Council will verify bids.

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

Her Majesty's Court Service

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London

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Internet address

<http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/>