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Tender

Provision of Barristers' Services Framework

Bedford Borough Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Bedford Borough Council

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Bedford

Email

commercial.hub@bedford.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.bedford.gov.uk

I.3) Communication

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

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/bedford.aspx/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/bedford.aspx/Home>

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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

Provision of Barristers' Services Framework

Reference number

BBC CH 02530

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Bedford Borough Council ('the Council') invites Chambers to tender for the provision of a Barristers' Framework Agreement. This Framework will provide a route to market for the purchase of barristers' services, where there is demand for capacity or specialist expertise that cannot be met within the Council's in-house Legal Services Unit. The Framework Agreement will consist of the following Lots, each with individual specifications: a) Lot 1: (ACE), including matters related to vulnerable adults, Children's Services and Education; and b) Lot 2: Governance, Planning, Property and Litigation (GPPL), covering all other areas of the Council's business.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £4,000,000

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

Barristers' Services for Adults, Children and Education (ACE)

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Council has statutory obligations under social care legislation, including the Care Act 2014, Mental Health Act 1983 and Children Act 1989 (as amended) and supplementary legislation. Our Legal Services Unit supports front line teams in fulfilling their statutory

functions and provide support at strategic level in relation to the policies and procedures that underpin the delivery of Adults' and Children's Social Care (including Mental Health). The Council also has statutory obligations to provide education in mainstream, special school settings and alternative provisions including the Virtual School. The Legal Services Unit supports the strategic management of these duties which include school organisation, admission arrangements, exclusion, non-attendance (including education prosecutions), elective home education, children missing from education, academy conversion, safeguarding and the provision of services for children identified as having special educational needs (to include representation before the First tier and Upper Tribunal). Suppliers will be expected to have available expertise at all levels that can advise either strategically or at individual case level.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Two possible 12 months' extensions from 01/02/2024 – 31/01/2026

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Barristers' Services for Governance, Planning, Property and Litigation (GPPL)

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Council has a range of statutory obligations under legislation that fall under the GPPL remit. These include, but are not limited to: a. Obligations to respond to Freedom of Information (FOI) requests to comply with data law/the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR); b. The duties of the Monitoring Officer pursuant to the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (as amended); c. Highways functions under the Highways Act 1980 and related legislation; d. Planning matters across all areas of the Town and country Planning Act 1990 and related or other legislation; e. Property matters including disposals, acquisitions, commercial leases, academy transfers, dilapidations, and a variety of general land law work; f. Housing issues including social housing and homeless provision; g. Licensing under the 2003 Act and all other licensing functions performed by a unitary authority; h. Trading Standards; i. Environmental Health; j. Housing and blue badge fraud; k. Procurement and contract work including state aid; l. General governance and administration of the Council; m. Administration of the Bedfordshire Pension Fund; and n. Administration of the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel. GPPL supports the strategic management of these duties which include advising in respect of the above.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

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II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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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

29 November 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

29 November 2021

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom