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Tender

Brighter Futures for Children Request for Proposal (RFP) - External Auditor Services

Brighter Futures for Children

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-027119

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03fc7b

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Brighter Futures for Children

Civic Offices, Bridge Street

Reading

Contact

Kelly Hallett

Email

pchub@reading.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKJ11 - Berkshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://brighterfuturesforchildren.org/>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/readingbc/asp/Tenders/Current>

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

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Brighter Futures for Children Request for Proposal (RFP) - External Auditor Services

Reference number

BFfC P 00001680

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79212000 - Auditing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

As a private company Brighter Futures for Children Limited are required to appoint auditors in line with the Companies Act. The Company therefore requires the services of an external auditor. Brighter Futures for Children Limited, is already 5 years into a 7year contract with Reading Borough Council (RBC) to run Children's Services in Reading. The year end is 31 March 2024, and this tender is to provide external audit services for remaining two year accounting periods 2024/25, 2025/26. Please note there is a possible extension of a further three years should RBC issue a further contract to Brighter Futures for Children Limited beyond March 2026. Overall, the size of the entity is £75m turnover per annum and 500 staff are employed. Further information about the background to the establishment of the company can be found in the attached Council report concerning the creation of the company.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79212000 - Auditing 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

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

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Extension of up to 3 years subject to BFfC services to Reading Borough Council are continued beyond March 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

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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

13 October 2023

Local time

2:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

13 October 2023

Local time

2:00pm

Place

Reading Borough Council via In-Tend portal

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

High Court of Justice of England and Wales

7 Rolls Buildings, Fetter Lane

London

EC4A 1NL

Telephone

+44 2079477156

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://courtribunalfinder.service.gov.uk/courts/rolls-building>

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The relevant deadlines depend on the specific nature of the remedies required and are defined in Regulations 93 & 94 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

The Cabinet Office

70 Whitehall

London

SW1A 2AS

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/cabinet-office>