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

Brighter Futures for Children

F02: Contract notice

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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](mailto: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.aspx/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

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## **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

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### **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

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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

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

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## **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>