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Tender

Advocacy and Independent Visitor Service for Children and Young People

Brighter Futures for Children

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03fce2

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Brighter Futures for Children

Civic Offices, Bridge Street

Reading

RG1 2LU

Contact

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKJ11 - Berkshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://brighterfuturesforchildren.org/>

Buyer's address

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

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 electronically via

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

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

Social protection

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Advocacy and Independent Visitor Service for Children and Young People

Reference number

BFfC P 00001728

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85312000 - Social work services without accommodation

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

BFfC are completing an ITT exercise for the provision of Advocacy and Independent Visitor Service for Children and Young People - Brighter Futures for Children requires an Independent Advocacy Service and an Independent Visitor Service for children in Reading. Suppliers that would like to take part in this process are invited to • Express Interest• upon which they will be given access to the full documentation delivered through this portal. Documents can be accessed from the • My Tenders• area of this website by selecting the • View Details• button for the project. Expressions of interest will only be accepted until 13/10/2023. Any questions relating to this opportunity should be made via the correspondence link on this portal.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £300,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85312000 - Social work services without accommodation

- 85310000 - Social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ11 - Berkshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

At Brighter Futures for Children (BFfC), we are committed to ensuring that children and young people receive the best services and interventions, in a proportionate and timely manner. In line with our commitment to the children we work with, and statutory duties, their voice and direct contribution to their meetings and planning is crucial and central to the work we deliver. Brighter Futures for Children has a statutory duty under the Children Act 1989 to provide Independent Advocacy and Independent Visitor Services to children who are looked after by the Local Authority. Furthermore the 2018 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' guidance also outlines that an advocate be available for children subject to a Child Protection Plan (CP) or a Child In Need (ChIN). The current advocacy contract is coming to an end in December 2023. The lifetime value of the contract is £300,000, the contract term will be 3 years with an option to extend by a further 2 years.

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

1 January 2024

End date

31 December 2026

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 year extension possible

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: Yes

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

5:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

17 October 2023

Local time

9:00am

Place

Brighter Futures for Children 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

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Telephone

+44 2079477882

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.justice.co.uk>

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>