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## **Advocacy and Independent Visitor Service for Children and Young People**

Brighter Futures for Children

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-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**

Judith Ashmore

#### **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/>

Buyer's address

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

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**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Social protection

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## **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

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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

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

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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

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>