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Contract

CO0430A Placement Sufficiency

Essex County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

Region code

UKH3 - Essex

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/>

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

CO0430A Placement Sufficiency

Reference number

DN728804

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79315000 - Social research services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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In order to address this the Council has transformational plans underway and now, as part of those plans, wants to source a readymade evidenced based tool and/or approach, that will enable us to deepen our understanding of the complexities we face in terms of drivers and demand, aligning with our resolve to respond better to the needs of children and young people in our care, whilst at the same time addressing the increasing costs, through careful planning and securing of appropriate care through robust operational practice. This should be through a tried and tested, robust process.

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context.

In this present instance, the Customer is issuing this Invitation to Tender as a Further Competition under Lot 4C Social Care (Children) of ESPO Framework 664_21.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £350,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

OVERVIEW

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OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the procurement are to secure a partner that can offer an evidenced based solution, tool or approach, with proven track record, that enables the council to tackle the challenges of demand, cost drivers, placement sufficiency and better outcomes for children and young people.

DURATION

The Contract will be established for an initial period of 6 months. The Contract is intended to start on 01st August 2024 or as otherwise agreed.

The Contract term for this agreement will be 12 months. This will include a provisional 6-month project to deliver the requirements. Additional time has been allocated in order to mitigate any slippage in the project timescales.

With appropriate notice the Authority may terminate the Agreement on any of the following Authority Break Point Dates:

- Completion of the 6-month project milestones.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

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 IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted 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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2021/S 202-528967](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

CO0430A

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

26 July 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

IMPOWER Consulting Ltd

8-10 Warner Street, London, EC1R 5HA

London

EC1R 5HA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £350,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

London

WC2A2LL

Country

United Kingdom