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Contract

Additional Reception Accommodation for newly arrived UASC

Kent County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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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

Additional Reception Accommodation for newly arrived UASC

Reference number

DN650855

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Kent County Council (the Council) is the largest county council in England covering an area

of 3,500 square kilometres with a population of approx. 1.6m. KCC spends in excess of £1

billion annually on works, goods, and services for the benefit of the communities and citizens

of Kent. The Council provides a wide range of personal and strategic services on behalf of its

residents, operating in partnership with 12 district councils.

The Council's Services for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (SUASC) has a statutory responsibility for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC) under the

Children Act 1989 and seeks to develop additional reception accommodation for newly arrived UASC, to provide humanitarian accommodation, assess their needs, including age,

and prepare those assessed as under 18 for living in the community. Having identified

facilities makes the risk assessment more robust and supports the Governments Prevent Agenda

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: £8,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ44 - East Kent

- UKJ45 - Mid Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Service Requirements

The services required to fulfill the offer of a Reception Centre is made up of:

- Accommodation for UASC males; must be single bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms with

some shared facilities i.e., kitchen and dining facilities and shared lounges.

- Accommodation for staff such as offices, meeting rooms and communal areas to deliver the

independence skills required, various assessments and administrative functions.

- Housing support from the landlord including furniture, safety equipment such as CCTV and

concierge services.

- Support staff/Social Worker support.

Ideally, the Reception Centre must be able to flex to an increasing need, potentially by

having bedrooms and communal space of a size to fit more than one single male in one room.

Physical Accommodation Requirements

- A single building or grouped buildings on the same site of between 80-120 units. We will NOT be interested in small properties dispersed across the county.

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- The building/grouped buildings must have the correct planning permission in place to be able to deliver this service to this specific cohort.

- A location within the geographical boundary of the East Kent or South Kent.

- Set in a discrete location to have minimal impact on the local community.
- Catering facility able to accommodate the number of occupants.
- Only male aged 16-17 occupancy.
- Minimum capacity of 80 placements, ideally up to 120 placements.
- Communal areas are available for socialising, lessons, and briefings.
- Low maintenance costs.
- Easy to repair given propensity for damage.
- Space for office accommodation for the SUASC Operational Team (22 staff).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Mobilisation / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Management / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Wellbeing, Safety and Security / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Views of Young People / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Staffing / Weighting: 5

Price

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

Open procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

SC230055

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

4 August 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Clearsprings Ready Homes

26 Brook Road

Rayleigh

SS6 7XJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ43 - Kent Thames Gateway

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £8,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Kent County Council

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Maidstone

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