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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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**Region code**

UKJ44 - East Kent

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.kent.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<http://www.kent.gov.uk>

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

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**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

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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: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-007803](#)

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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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Kent County Council

County Hall

Maidstone

ME14 1XQ

Country

United Kingdom