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Tender

Children's Social Care Safeguarding Support Project: Child Protection and Court Teams

Herefordshire Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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

Buyer's address

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

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.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

Children's Social Care Safeguarding Support Project: Child Protection and Court Teams

Reference number

DN635650

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Herefordshire County Council is seeking to procure a service provider to deliver and oversee the provision of 4x managed children's social care teams to support the Child Protection (CP) and Court Service

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG1 - Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Warwickshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

possible.

Contract summary

Industry

Health and social work services - 85000000

Location of contract

England

Value of contract

£0

Procurement reference

HEREFCC-DN635650-46510361

Published date

30 September 2022

Approach to market date

10 October 2022

Contract start date

28 November 2022

Contract end date

31 March 2023

Contract is suitable for SMEs?

Yes

Contract is suitable for VCSEs?

Yes

Description

Herefordshire County Council is seeking to procure a service provider to deliver and oversee the provision of 4x managed children's social care teams to support the Child Protection (CP) and Court Service. Each team to include:

i. 6xFTE Qualified Social Workers (QSW)

- Minimum of 4 years PQ Experience with relevant statutory experience
- Flexibility around working from home/office but minimum requirements of face to face visits for all children and families
- Inclusive of accommodation costs

ii. 1xFTE Team Manager (TM)

- Minimum of 8 years PQ Experience
- Minimum of 5 years TM experience
- Inclusive of accommodation costs

Delivery will commence from 28 November 2022 to 31 March 2023, with potential extension for up to March 2024. The service will provide a seamless transition from the existing commissioned teams to avoid any unnecessary disruption to the children being supported by the Council.

The requirement of the CP & Court Teams is to ensure that plans are reviewed on a regular basis. Plans are to be progressed without undue delay always ensuring that the children and their families are kept informed and that their voice is captured and recorded. Plans need to be SMART and proportionate

All teams are to ensure that relevant safeguarding procedures are followed without delay (e.g. strategy meetings, s47 enquires, chronologies and case summaries etc) where appropriate. Visits need to be in person, within timescale and purposeful, direct work is expected to inform the assessment or the progression of plans.

It is anticipated that this proposal will provide the service with stable teams who will provide additional capacity to support our ongoing improvement work

Herefordshire Council's children services have recently been rated as inadequate by Ofsted, the full report is available [here](#). This contract will form one aspect of the Council's improvement plan.

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

28 November 2022

End date

31 March 2023

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

24 October 2022

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

24 October 2022

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Herefordshire County Council Hereford

Hereford

Country

United Kingdom