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Award

Speech Bubbles

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-037240

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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Region code

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Kent County Council

Local Authority

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.kent.gov.uk

Buyer's address

<https://www.kentbusinessportal.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

Speech Bubbles

Reference number

SC220276

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80100000 - Primary education services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

a drama-led intervention aimed at improving speech, language and communication (SLC) in selected school children in Key Stage 1 (five and seven-year-olds). Language is clearly a major vehicle for learning and critical to children's mental, social, emotional and intellectual development (Communication Trust, 2010). If SLC needs are not tackled in the early years, these issues can become increasingly difficult to address and are strongly linked in later life with mental illness, unemployment, relationship breakdowns, and offending.

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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: £171,211

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

Main site or place of performance

The County of Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

In the light of the Covid-19 outbreak, there are serious concerns about the high demand for Speed and Language services. Disrupting the current provision and creating a gap in service provision due to mobilisation would further exacerbate this situation.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

Whilst this service will not be extended, there is a possibility that this service could be recommissioned.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

On the 21 July 2022, The Kent County Council Cabinet, approved a decision to extend the Reconnect Programme to 31 March 2023 for specific areas of need, including School Readiness and Language Development. Trinity Theatre & Arts Centre are the only partner of Speech Bubbles in Kent. To become a certified Speech Bubbles partner providers are required to undertake training, and place-based assessment of the curriculum in practice in schools. To engage in a procurement Commissioners would not be able to complete a tender process for such a short-term contract.

Regulation 32(2)(c) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 Negotiated Procedure without prior publication of a Contract Notice insofar as is strictly necessary where, for reasons of extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable by the contracting authority, the time limits for the open or restricted procedures or competitive procedures with negotiation cannot be complied with.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

SC220276

Title

Speech Bubbles

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

3 October 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Trinity Theatre and Arts Centre

Church Road

Tunbridge Wells

TN1 1JP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £171,211

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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