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Award

Intensive and Volunteer Mentoring- Reconnect

Kent County Council

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKJ4 - Kent

Internet address(es)

Main address

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Buyer's address

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

County Council

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Intensive and Volunteer Mentoring- Reconnect

Reference number

DN580241

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

County wide mentoring service delivered through Mentors (both paid and volunteers) who are positive role models that inspire, encourage and guide young people to achieve their potential. They offer personalised one-to-one support to help improve young people's lives. The contracts that end have been in place since 2018 and are established.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

Value excluding VAT: £399,220

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

2

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85322000 - Community action programme

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The requirement for additional interventions for some of our young people as a direct result of the pandemic identified that this key service was due to expire in December 2021. The Kent Reconnect Programme has identified Mentoring for at-risk young people as a significant priority of the Health and Happiness workstream. This service will continue to work with young people to support and develop resilience and emotional wellbeing. The aim of the service is to reduce any negative impact on behaviours or mental health conditions which may prevent young people engaging with education, work, family and friends or achieving their potential.

Mentoring will be delivered through Mentors (both paid and volunteers) who are positive role models that inspire, encourage and guide young people to achieve their potential. They offer personalised one-to-one support to help improve young people's lives

The previous contracts were delivered against HeadStart priorities in a limited number of districts across the county, the new contracts will look to deliver additional capacity across a wider geographical area as a priority of the Reconnect Programme.

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

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:

Kent County Council will utilise PCR 2015 reg 32 (2) The negotiated procedure without prior publication may be used for public works contracts, public supply contracts and public service contracts (c) 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 to award the contract

Both Volunteer Mentoring and Intensive Mentoring was commissioned by HeadStart Kent with the original contract commencing 2017. By way of response to escalating demand for this service (in part caused by the pandemic) in September 2021 (three months before the end of the contract) funding was secured from the Reconnect Programme. There is no capacity within the current contracts to award an extension. Any future contract provision would need to consider the TUPE of existing staff from the incumbent providers. Market testing confirmed that organisations would find the effort in tendering for a short contract significant when also needing to consider the implications of TUPE and mobilisation by 1 January 2022 to ensure continuity of provision for young people.

The Kent-based, incumbent VCS providers are able to meet the requirements of the new contract with immediate effect.

Without taking this action would mean referrals to the service would cease on 19 November 2022 and the impact on young people from the pandemic is still to be fully understood.

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

Lot No

1

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

4 November 2021

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

Salus

Greenacres Barn, Pound Lane, Smeeth,

Ashford

TN25 6RJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £212,500

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Lot No

2

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

4 November 2021

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

Young Lives Foundation

71 College Road

Maidstone

ME15 6SX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £186,720

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Kent County Council

Strategic Commissioning, Sessions House

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