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Tender

SEMG Mediation and Disagreement Resolution Service

Oxfordshire County Council

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F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Prior information notice with call for competition

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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.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

I.3) Communication

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

<https://sebp.due-north.com/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://sebp.due-north.com/>

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

SEMG Mediation and Disagreement Resolution Service

Reference number

DN740668

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Local Authorities in the South East Mediation Group (SEMG) have a long history of collaboration in commissioning and providing mediation services. The Children and Families Act 2014 and associated statutory regulations and guidance introduced legislation for the provision of disagreement resolution and mediation concerning special educational provision with effect 1 September 2014.

Oxfordshire County Council is managing the tendering arrangements on behalf of the SEMG members and is the Lead Commissioning Organisation. For this Contract all entities that are eligible to commission services through this contract will be referred to as 'Commissioning Organisations.'

The SEMG is made up of twenty-one Local Authorities as listed below:

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- Brighton & Hove City Council
- Buckinghamshire Council
- Cambridge City Council
- Croydon Council
- East Sussex County Council
- Essex County Council
- Hampshire County Council
- Kent County Council
- Kingston Council 'Achieving for Children'

- Medway Council
- Oxfordshire County Council
- Portsmouth City Council
- Richmond Council 'Achieving for Children'
- Southampton City Council
- Surrey County Council
- The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead
- Wandsworth London Borough Council
- West Berkshire Council
- West Sussex County Council
- Wokingham Borough Council

The SEMG is procuring a single-supplier framework where the successful provider will need to be mindful of the diversity of the participating SEMG members to ensure it fully understands local needs and systems and is able to work flexibly with individual participating members, including through the provision of relevant information.

The service will include a core service that supports mediation and disagreement resolution as described in section 5 and the mediation and disagreement resolution service as set out in section. It is a requirement of the contract that the Mediation and/or Disagreement Resolution is fully compliant with the Children and Families Act 2014, the SEND Code of Practice: 0-25 2015 and any other related provisions.

The provider will work with the commissioning organisations to ensure there is a flexible approach to meeting local needs across the SEMG membership.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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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) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest

Date

9 October 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of England and Wales, Royal Courts of Justice

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom