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## **Flexible Framework for Early Learning & Childcare Services in North Lanarkshire 2023-2027**

North Lanarkshire Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

North Lanarkshire Council

Civic Centre, Windmillhill Street

Motherwell

ML1 1AB

#### **Contact**

Corporate Procurement Team

#### **Email**

[lawm@northlan.gov.uk](mailto:lawm@northlan.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00010](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00010)

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.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**

Flexible Framework for Early Learning & Childcare Services in North Lanarkshire  
2023-2027

Reference number

NLP-CPT-22-038

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80110000 - Pre-school education services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

In accordance with The Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, Regulation 74, the Council intend to establish a Flexible Framework to secure external providers who can supplement the Council's internal early learning and childcare provision. The proposed Framework will be for 4 years, with options for Tenderers to apply to the Framework in either years 1, 2, 3 or 4.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £60,000,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85312110 - Child daycare services
- 80110000 - Pre-school education services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

Main site or place of performance

North Lanarkshire Council's geographical boundary

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The invitation to tender ("ITT") pack which is accessible (and downloadable) from the Buyer Attachment area within the PCS-T tendering system outlines the requirements and objectives of this framework.

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Service delivery must be carried out in accordance with the information provided within this Contract Notice, the ITT Document and the Council's Framework Agreement.

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £60,000,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Duration in months

48

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE EXCLUSION GROUNDS:

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

Contractor staff, assigned to work with children must be registered under the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) prior to commencement of any potential contract.

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All Contractors must be registered with Care Inspectorate to deliver support in North Lanarkshire.

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All Contractor staff, assigned to work within North Lanarkshire services must register with SSSC within six months of beginning employment in the ELC sector. They must maintain their registration in line with SSSC guidance.

#### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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## **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

#### **IV.1.10) Identification of the national rules applicable to the procedure**

Information about national procedures is available at:  
[www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2015/446/schedule/3/made](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2015/446/schedule/3/made)

#### **IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure**

This tender exercise is being facilitated through PCSTender

Tenderers are required to complete responses to:

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PCSTender-Qualification Envelope:

This is based on the SPD (Single Procurement Document). Tenderers must respond to questions 4B.5.1b, 4B.5.2, 4C.10 and 4C.12.

Minimum Requirements apply.

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PCSTender-Technical Envelope:

Tenderers must respond to Questions that will be evaluated. Minimum Requirements apply. Failure to meet any Minimum Requirements will result in exclusion.

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

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

Date

24 October 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

Further entry points to the Framework will be permitted in 2024, 2025 and 2026 for new entrants and any Tenderer who does not make it on to the initial Framework entry point. The same Requirements will apply.

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Police Scotland identified a number of business areas which have a high risk of infiltration by Serious and Organised Crime groups; Childcare contracts belongs to one such area and as such the Council reserves the right to include enhanced probity checks prior to any contract award, including sharing tenderer information with Police Scotland.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 22455. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

The Contracting Authority does not intend to include a sub-contract clause as part of community benefits (as per Section 25 of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014) in this contract for the following reason:

There is no guarantee of work from this Flexible Framework as the call-off is by parental choice.

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Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

As stated in the Tender Document.

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### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

Scottish Courts

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

An economic operator that suffers, or is at risk of suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 or the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014, may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.