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## **Voluntary and Community Sector Infrastructure**

Essex County Council

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-028024

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03d6e9

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

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

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#### **Country**

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#### **Region code**

UKH3 - Essex

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

**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**

Voluntary and Community Sector Infrastructure

Reference number

DN685726

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

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Essex County Council (ECC) is committed to investment into the infrastructure that supports the VCS. This support aims to create the conditions for communities to thrive by building capacity and resilience within the VCS, supporting community volunteering, facilitating collaboration and partnership working, and advocating for the VCS within the wider system.

ECC is seeking to procure a collaborative, transformational and flexible VCS infrastructure offer, that delivers capacity building and system working support, identified as important by the VCS and Statutory Partners. An offer that brings together the skills and expertise to deliver the organisation's ambitions for Essex communities, for the benefit of residents.

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

Value excluding VAT: £5,245,975.70

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

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

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 30

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

Value excluding VAT: £5,245,975.70

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Bidders are advised that this service will be commissioned under an initial five (5) year term with the option to extend for a further two (2) years at the Council's discretion; thereby resulting in a maximum possible contract duration of seven (7) years.

#### **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

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

The value given in the contract notice for the five-year contract period must not exceed £3,258,370. There is scope for potential additional investment from system partners of up to 15% which equates to £488,755.50 which totals £3,747,125.50.

In addition for the two year contract extension (based on the assumption on the same level of funding subject to governance) this equates to £1,303,348 over the two years there is also scope for additional investment from system partners of up 15% which equates to £195,502.20 which totals £1,498,850,20.

Any requirements for variations would be dealt with as a contract variation under the terms of the contract. Therefore for absolute clarity the stated estimated contract value of £5,245,975.70 reflects the maximum contractual value including the options to extend and the additional financial scope.

For the avoidance of any further doubt, this contractual value is based on an annual value of up to £651,674 for the five-year contract period.

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## **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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-017148](#)

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

Date

6 November 2023

Local time

9:00am

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

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

6 November 2023

Local time

9:00am

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court Royal Courts of Justice

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom