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Opportunity

SEND Taxi Framework 2021

London Borough of Southwark

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

SEND Taxi Framework 2021

Reference number

DN581847

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Taxi Transport for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £8,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60130000 - Special-purpose road passenger-transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI44 - Lewisham and Southwark

Main site or place of performance

Mainly within the London Borough of Southwark

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The SEND taxi service provides the contracting authority with vehicles, drivers and passenger assistances to accompany children and young people to their place of education and may also be utilised for vulnerable adults on their journeys where required. It is mainly used by the contracting authority to support delivery of its statutory transport duties to support children and young people with SEND to travel to/from school/college. There are currently 75 taxi rounds transporting children and young people on these journeys, both within and outside of Southwark, as well as occasional ad hoc journeys as part of family support packages.

Please note that these services exclude specialist school bus transport for children with SEND during term time which is currently provided under a separate contractual arrangement.

The contracting authority currently has two companies on its taxi framework and is very keen to include additional companies able to provide SEND taxi services on its new framework. There have been a number of national and local policy changes relating to home to school transport and local authority funding changes in recent years which have required the council to review its approach to contracting and delivering services. The aim of this procurement is to establish a replacement framework agreement comprising up to five (5) companies that are able to demonstrate their ability to meet the contracting authority's specification for this service alongside, flexibility and value for money. It is essential that this framework is also able to provide safe and reliable taxi transport of a high quality for children and young people using this service.

The contracting authority requires five transport providers, able to deliver excellent SEND taxi services using a range of vehicles including; cars, MPV's/people-carriers and wheelchair-accessible vehicles. Passenger Assistants will be required on some rounds to provide support to service users who have additional needs. Details of how the service will operate and the standards to be met in delivery of this contract are set out in the Service Specification.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Social value / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 60

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £8,000,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing

system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 5

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

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

Date

20 December 2021

Local time

1:00pm

IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

21 January 2022

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: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Royal Courts of Justice (High Court)

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