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Tender

Westmorland and Furness Council - Any Qualified Provider (AQP) Framework for the provision of Home Care Services

Westmorland and Furness Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Westmorland and Furness Council

South Lakeland House, Lowther Street, Kendal,

Cumbria

LA9 4DQ

Contact

Supply Chain Team

Email

support@useadam.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD1 - Cumbria

Companies House

11730398

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.adamproviders.co.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.sproc.net>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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**

Westmorland and Furness Council - Any Qualified Provider (AQP) Framework for the provision of Home Care Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Social care support during the day for people living in their own homes. Main place of delivery will be at the residence of the service user, within the Westmorland and Furness footprint.

Providers who currently have call off contracts on the current Any Qualified Provider (AQP) Framework for the provision of Home Care Services, who successfully join the new framework, will have those call-off contracts transferred.

The AQP Framework is available for use by NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board, and future successor organisations.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £41,100,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD1 - Cumbria

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

An Any Qualified Provider (AQP) 'framework' is to be set up to meet the needs of Social Care support during the day for people living in their own homes. An AQP framework will ensure sufficient capacity to meet demand for clients in Cumbria.

The AQP 'framework' approach will appoint multiple organisations capable of delivering the specified service. The provider/s will be selected at time of need. They will register an interest to a commission, and selected according to published criteria.

Fixed price per unit, please see procurement documents

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The DPS will run for 24 months with the option to extend for a further 12 months.

Meaning the potential expiry date of this DPS is 31/03/2027

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

Please note that the AQP does not limit the number of candidates.

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents which can be found at <https://www.adamproviders.co.uk>

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents which can be found at <https://www.adamproviders.co.uk>

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents which can be found at <https://www.adamproviders.co.uk>

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

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

31 March 2027

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.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

VI.3) Additional information

Westmorland and Furness Council is fully supportive of all aspects of diversity including ethnicity, race, religion, age, disability and sexual orientation. In this respect Westmorland and Furness Council welcomes expressions of interest from ethnic minority, disabled and other diverse business communities and the voluntary sector. Economic operators are therefore required to fully comply with all statutory obligations/applicable legislation and there will be a requirement to participate in the Authority's supplier audits on all aspects of diversity. The Contracting Authority expressly reserves the right: (I) Not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; and (II) To make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition; and in no circumstances will the Authority be liable for any costs incurred by the candidates. If the Authority decides to enter into a Contract with the successful supplier, this does not mean that there is any guarantee of subsequent contracts being awarded. Any expenditure, work or effort undertaken prior to contract award is accordingly a matter solely for the commercial judgement of potential suppliers. The Contract is for 2+1 years. The total value provided is only an estimate. Local Authorities have a duty under the Local Government Act 2003 to obtain best value in the procurement of works, services and supplies and to secure continuous improvement in the way they carry out their functions, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness. This means that when procuring contracts, the Council will, on a case by case basis, weigh up the costs of the contract against the benefits of their employment terms for contractors employees and any resulting benefit to the Council. There is scope for giving some weight at the tender evaluation stage to the attitude of contractors, suppliers and some service providers to fair employment clauses and of the Council's fiduciary duty to tax payers and obtaining best value. Each case will be considered separately and flexibly, with any impact on costs fully assessed and justified.

Please note that AQP does not limit the number of candidates

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

Strand

London

WC21 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Access (adam HTT Limited)

249 Midsummer Boulevard

Milton Keynes

MK9 1EA

Country

United Kingdom