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## **SLCP Second Refresh 2021 - Residential and Independent Fostering Agency Provision**

Croydon Council

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

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

[www.londontenders.org](http://www.londontenders.org)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[www.londontenders.org](http://www.londontenders.org)

**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

SLCP Second Refresh 2021 - Residential and Independent Fostering Agency Provision

Reference number

DN637246

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

This is the second refresh tender opportunity for suitably qualified providers to bid to join an existing contractual arrangement for the delivery of residential and independent fostering agency services for children and young people aged 0 — 18 years. The arrangement is known as Approved Provider Panel Agreement (APPA) and has an initial term of 3 years with an option to extend for a further 5 years (2 years +2 years +1 year), unless otherwise terminated in line with the conditions of contract.

The APPA has been established under the Light Touch Regime (LTR); the procurement rules applicable to the procurement of health, social and other services listed at Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. This offers the flexibility to admit additional providers to increase capacity.

The services under the APPA have been categorised into

Lot 1: Residential Child Care Provision [sub-lots: standard and specialist]; and

Lot 2: Independent Fostering Agency Provision [sub-lots: standard, specialist and emergency].

Applicants have the option to bid for services in Lot 1, Lot 2 or both.

The tender opportunity is open to providers in England: rated 'Good' or 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, Providers in Scotland: rated 'good', 'very good' or 'outstanding' by the Scottish

Care Inspectorate, Providers in Wales: registered with the Wales Care Inspectorate and Providers in Northern Ireland registered with the Northern Ireland Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority (NIRQIA).

The APPA will be accessed by the London Boroughs of Croydon and Lambeth. In time, the APPA may be accessed by the London Boroughs of Bromley, Richmond, Wandsworth and Kingston.

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Residential Child Care Provision

Lot No

1

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Residential Child Care Provision have been categorised into:

(a) standard provision [standard placements]

(b) specialist provision [disabilities placements, solo placements].

Age bands for pricing are Under 1, 1- 4 years, 5-9 years, 10-15 years and 16-18 years.

The tender opportunity is open to Providers in England: rated 'Good or 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, Providers in Scotland: rated 'good', 'very good' or 'outstanding' by the Scottish

Care Inspectorate, Providers in Wales: registered with the Wales Care Inspectorate and Providers in Northern Ireland registered with the Northern Ireland Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority (NIRQIA).

The Council may periodically re-open the APPA to admit new providers as approved providers. Where the Council decides to reopen the APPA it shall do so on the basis of the selection criteria as outlined in the Council's original ITT.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

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

Value excluding VAT: £350,000,000

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

Duration in months

36

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: Yes

Description of options

Providers have the option to bid for some or all of the lots and sub-lots listed.

#### **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Independent Fostering Agency Provision

Lot No

2

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Independent Fostering Agency Provision has been subcategorised into:

(a) standard provision

(b) specialist provision [disabilities placements, parent and child placements, solo placements, remand placements]

(c) emergency provision.

Age bands for pricing are Under 1, 1- 4 years, 5-9 years, 10-15 years and 16-18 years.

The tender opportunity is open to Providers in England: rated 'Good or 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, Providers in Scotland: rated 'good', 'very good' or 'outstanding' by the Scottish Care Inspectorate, Providers in Wales: registered with the Wales Care Inspectorate and Providers in Northern Ireland registered with the Northern Ireland Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority (NIRQIA).

The Council may periodically re-open the APPA to admit new providers as Approved Providers. Where the Council decides to reopen the APPA it shall do so on the basis of the selection criteria as outlined in the Council's original ITT.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

**II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £350,000,000

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

Duration in months

96

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: Yes

Description of options

Providers have the option to bid for some or all of the Lots and sub-lots listed.

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

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

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## **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

Applicants in England must be registered with Ofsted as either a:

- a residential care provider for children/young people
- an Independent Fostering Agency for children/young people
- qualifying organisations must have an overall Ofsted judgement of Outstanding and/or Good
- qualifying criteria for providers in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland are set out in the tender documents.

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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

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

Contract performance conditions have been set out in the procurement documents.



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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: [2019/S 198-481438](#)

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

Date

14 November 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

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

Date

14 November 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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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**

Croydon Council

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