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Tender

Flexible Framework for the Provision of Supported Living for Adults and Older People

Fife Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKM72 - Clackmannanshire and Fife

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Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00187

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.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Social protection

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Flexible Framework for the Provision of Supported Living for Adults and Older People

Reference number

SC0026

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Fife Health and Social Care Partnership (“the Partnership”) requires to commission a Supported Living Service (both personal care and non-personal i.e., Housing Support Services) from a variety of external service providers. It is recognised that in some circumstances the Partnership may wish to commission a service that comprises of Housing Support only. On that basis this Contract is open to Providers who do not have dual registration for Care and Support and Housing Support, however it is the preference that Providers will have dual registration.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £21,200,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85300000 - Social work and related services
- 85310000 - Social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM72 - Clackmannanshire and Fife

Main site or place of performance

Fife

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Fife’s Health and Social Care Partnership is committed to personalisation and outcome-based services for individuals of all ages and abilities and is seeking to appoint a range of partner organisations to deliver outcome focused support to adults, ranging from 16 years old upwards with a range of identified support needs throughout Fife, under a Framework agreement.

Any partner organisations must be able to demonstrate experience and commitment to working innovatively with individuals with the Framework of self-directed support and have sound experience and practice in maximising the benefits of individual budgets. They must also evidence strong skills in forming and maintaining relationships with families of individuals.

Objectives for the Framework are to ensure that individuals have access to support that aspires to the highest level of quality and promotes the right of each individual to have as much choice and control as possible. Key elements of success from desirable organisations include robust evidence of promoting and delivering:

- personal preferences.
- fluctuating levels of required support.
- continuity and consistency in provision of individual outcome focussed support.
- innovative approach which takes into account the potential to link with informal networks of support, community resources as well as embracing the use of assistive technology

i.e., Just Checking to improve outcomes for the supported person.

- Supporting positive risk taking.

The Provider will provide practical and personal care over 24 hours a day and 365 days a year to the Supported Person living in their own home and will be in line with the service aims and objectives specified within the specification.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 85

Price - Weighting: 15

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract will be for the period of 3 years with the option to extend for up to 12 months if required.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Fife Council may require additional purchases under this contract which have not been specifically detailed in the "specification" however any additional purchases will be in full accordance with the requirements of Regulation 72 of the Public Contract (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

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

This framework will be a flexible framework which re-opens at regular periods throughout the lifetime of the Contract.

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

Providers are required to hold the relevant registration to provide the services detailed in the Service Specification.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open 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: 100

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2022/S 000-034743](#)

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

Date

2 November 2023

Local time

5:00pm

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

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

3 November 2023

Local time

9:00am

Place

Fife House, Glenrothes or staff home address if working from home.

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Pasha Keir, Niki Hutchison and/or Katy Hope.

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: There will be an ongoing requirement for external Supported Living Services, it is envisaged that the next time this will go out to full open tender will be 4 years after Contract award date.

As this is a flexible framework this Contract will be re-opened at regular intervals throughout the Contract lifetime to allow new Care Providers to submit a bid to join the Framework.

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=721356.

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox facility. A user guide is available at

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx.

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

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:

Sub-Contracting is not permitted.

The Contracting Authority does not intend to include any community benefit requirements in this contract for the following reason:

Community Benefits have not previously been sought for these services (apart from recent mini competitions which have been held for supported Living requirements) as to date they have been deemed to be delivering a Community Benefit in themselves: The previous PSR states “by their nature the services provided under this Contract continually benefit members of the community. In addition, many of the providers in the market are local companies employing local carers.”

Community Benefits have been considered for this procurement but have not been deemed as appropriate therefore will not be requested for the following reasons:

Community benefits are often encouraged to be around generating employment and training opportunities however it is well documented that the Care Sector is experiencing issues in recruiting and retaining staff and it is felt that this would add additional pressures.

Traditionally, wider communities offer support to Care Providers in the form of volunteers, fundraising etc. which is the opposite to Care Providers offering additional benefits to the community.

It is felt that asking for other community benefits would place a disproportionate burden on the Providers at a time when they are already dealing with the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic, EU Exit and the Cost-of-Living Crisis. A recent article published on the Scottish Care website The straw that breaks the back of care outlines the current challenges that Care Homes are experiencing with many unsure how they will be able to continue to operate with the crippling rising costs.

For the reasons above and the fact that the pricing is fixed for this Contract rebates will not be sought.

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Download the ESPD document here:

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=721356

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Kirkcaldy Sheriff Court

Kirkcaldy

KY1 1XQ

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Economic operators should approach the contracting authority in the first instance. However, the only formal remedy is to apply to the courts:

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.