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Tender

2023 - Aberdeenshire - Care at Home Services for Children and Young People

Aberdeenshire Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00232

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

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

2023 - Aberdeenshire - Care at Home Services for Children and Young People

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Aberdeenshire Council requires the provision of care at home services which provide outcome focused support and activities for children and young people who have additional support needs, in response to the below strategic priorities.

The contract term is three years plus the option to extend by up to 24 months

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,460,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM5 - North Eastern Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Aberdeenshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Aberdeenshire Council requires the provision of care at home services which provide outcome focused support and activities for children and young people who have additional support needs, in response to the below strategic priorities.

The aims of the care at home service are:

- To support children, young people, and their families to achieve the outcomes identified in the child's plan.
- To deliver services which are aligned to the GIRFEC principles and values and children's rights.
- To offer a flexible, needs led service throughout Aberdeenshire which is underpinned by children's rights and The Promise.
- To promote independence by developing life skills and social skills in the children and young people.
- To provide a service which is tailored to the child/young person's ability rather than chronological age.
- To meet the outcomes specified in the child and young person's assessment measured using SHANARRI indicators.
- To provide meaningful respite and short breaks opportunities for the children and young people and parents/carers.
- To maximise the use of existing community facilities and services to meet the identified outcomes.
- To provide appropriate activities which contribute towards a successful transition to adult services.
- To provide consistent communication that will ensure parents/carers have clear expectations of what the service can provide.

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,460,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement

Duration in months

36

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 contract term is three years plus the option to extend by up to 24 months.

The maximum budget for the service (including two-year optional extension i.e., five years) is GBP1460000

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation

List and brief description of rules and criteria

Bidders must confirm that they are appropriately registered with the Care Inspectorate for the services required.

Bidders will be required to provide examples that demonstrate that they have the relevant experience to deliver the services as described. A minimum of two examples will be required.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

Continuity of support and ethical commissioning supports a 5 year duration

IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure

Open Procedure.

The contract will be awarded using MEAT. Quality to Price ratio is 80:20. Providers must score a minimum of 50% to be awarded a place on the framework.

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2023/S 000-009832](#)

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

Date

13 November 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

1. The Council shall obtain a Creditsafe credit check and will score bidders accordingly:

71 - 100 Very Low Risk – Accept

51 - 70 Low Risk - Accept

30 - 50 Moderate Risk – subject to further discussion internally with the option to reject.

21-29 High Risk – subject to further discussion internally with the option to reject.

1-20 Very High Risk – Reject.

*The following applies if no credit check can be undertaken:

2. Please state current turnover (if contract value is over 50% of reported turnover, further discussion will be had internally with the option to reject).

3. If you are under no obligation to publish accounts on Companies House and/or do not have a comprehensive credit rating then provide audited financial accounts for the previous two years. Both quick and current ratios should be a minimum of 1:1.5 for the two successive years. Bidders whose ratios do not meet the minimum criteria will be rejected. Bidders who can provide audited accounts but chose not to do so shall be rejected.

4. Bidders who have been trading for less than one year and cannot provide audited accounts must submit the cash flow for the current year and a letter from the bank outlining the current cash and credit position for the current year and subsequent year. This will be subject to internal discussion with the option to reject.

5. If bidder still does not meet the financial criteria for consideration but has a parent company that does, the firm may still be eligible for consideration where their submission is supported by a parent company guarantee.

It is a requirement of this contract that bidders hold, or can commit to obtain prior to the commencement of any subsequently awarded contract, the types and levels of insurance indicated below:

Employer's Liability Insurance = GBP10m

Public Liability Insurance = GBP5m

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 25280 .
For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:
<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

Specific Community Benefits objectives for this procurement are as follows:

- Fair Work First (FWF)
- Carbon Reduction
- Volunteering/Work Placement Opportunities

Further information is provided in the tender overview which will be published on PCST
(SC Ref:745951)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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