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Tender

Reopening of Flexible Framework for Early Learning and Childcare Places (New Entrants March 2024)

Renfrewshire Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-040732

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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UKM83 - Inverclyde, East Renfrewshire and Renfrewshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00400

I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://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

Reopening of Flexible Framework for Early Learning and Childcare Places (New Entrants March 2024)

Reference number

RC-CPU-20-113

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85312110 - Child daycare services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

UPDATE - OCTOBER 2023 REOPENING OF THE FLEXIBLE FRAMEWORK

The previously advertised flexible framework relative to Early Learning and Childcare Places commenced on 24 May 2021. In accordance with its terms, it is now being opened for New Entrants to be admitted under the same requirements as the original tender exercise and as noted herein.

ORIGINAL CONTRACT NOTICE TEXT:

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The Council intend to seek services through a Flexible Framework. The initial term of this Flexible Framework Contract is anticipated to commence in April 2021 to April 2024 with the option to extend on two further one year periods. Any Call-Off Contracts placed under the Flexible Framework may extend further than the Flexible Framework period.

Providers already awarded a place on the Flexible Framework should not respond to this opportunity; it is for New Entrants/Providers only.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £42,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for one lot only

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Registered Child Day-Care Providers

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85312100 - Daycare services
- 85312110 - Child daycare services
- 80110000 - Pre-school education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM83 - Inverclyde, East Renfrewshire and Renfrewshire

Main site or place of performance

Renfrewshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Off Contracts placed under the Flexible Framework may extend further than the Flexible Framework period.

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

Duration in months

60

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

Prospective providers must meet the selection criteria as detailed in this contract notice and also meet the required technical criteria as detailed in the Tender Documents.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Registered Childminders

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85312100 - Daycare services
- 85312110 - Child daycare services
- 80110000 - Pre-school education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM83 - Inverclyde, East Renfrewshire and Renfrewshire

Main site or place of performance

Renfrewshire

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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

Both Lots –

Providers must have a current Health and Safety Policy & risk assessments, Policies updated to include Covid-19 measures.

Must be registered with the Care Inspectorate for Child Day-Care services.

Further detail on Selection Criteria for each lot can be found in section "VI.3) Additional Information" of this Contract Notice.

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.1) Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision

Both Lots - Providers must hold registration with the Care Inspectorate for delivery of Child Day-Care Services.

Lot 1 Registered Child Day-Care Providers - All members of staff involved in the delivery of this contract should be appropriately qualified and registered with SSSC.

Lot 2 Registered Childminders - Individuals involved in the delivery of this contract will be required to evidence that they have/have applied for/are currently undertaking the benchmark qualification.

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

Providers must meet and uphold all the required criteria listed for the duration of the contract arrangements.

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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:

This tender is being tendered under the regulations applicable for Social and Other Specific Services. This involves the establishment of a flexible framework to support Scottish Government guidance and law with regards to the provision of Early Learning and Childcare services.

IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure

Submissions will be evaluated in line with the Tender Documents.

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2020/S 192-465324](#)

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

Date

7 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.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

Lot 1 Registered Child Day-Care Providers—

Must ensure that all staff delivering the service are SSSC registered.

Insurances:

Employers Liability Insurance 5,000,000 FIVE MILLION POUNDS

Public Liability Insurance with appropriate extension for administering medication
5,000,000 FIVE MILLION POUNDS

Professional Indemnity Insurance - 1,000,000 ONE MILLION POUNDS

Statutory Third Party Motor Vehicle Insurance

D&B Failure Score Min – 20 or 2 years of Audited Accounts subject to Council approval

Quality management policy.

Lot 2 Registered Childminders –

Insurances:

Employers Liability Insurance 5,000,000 FIVE MILLION POUNDS

Public Liability Insurance with appropriate extension for administering medication
5,000,000 FIVE MILLION POUNDS

Professional Indemnity Insurance - 100,000 ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS

Statutory Third Party Motor Vehicle Insurance

3 years of tax returns

Childminders must commit to and evidence that they will undertake and achieve the benchmark qualification

Quality Management Statement advising how the setting ensures continual review of quality.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 25169. For more information see:

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

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

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:

Details on Community Benefits can be found in the Tender Documents for each lot.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Paisley Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

St. James Street

Paisley

PA3 2HW

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

An economic operator that suffers, or risks suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland)

Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/446) (as amended) may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or Court of Session.