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Accommodation Based Support Services for Victims of Domestic Abuse

SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH 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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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG37 - Sandwell

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sandwellmbc>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sandwellmbc>

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

Accommodation Based Support Services for Victims of Domestic Abuse

Reference number

ASC109

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Metropolitan Borough of Sandwell wishes to appoint a Contractor to provide accommodation based support services in Sandwell for Victims of Domestic Abuse

In providing accommodation-based support to victims of domestic abuse and their children in refuges and other safe accommodation, the Service shall play a key role in assisting the Local Authority in Safeguarding families experiencing Domestic Abuse, discharging statutory homelessness duties, crime prevention and contributing to various strategies, including those aimed at homelessness and domestic abuse.

The Contractor shall deliver a minimum of 38 units of supported accommodation and shall address the needs of victims of domestic abuse who have additional specific needs including: -

- Service Users from BME/new emerging communities
- Service Users with complex needs
- Service Users with children
- Service Users with a disability
- Service Users in employment or training

- Service Users who have partners who are working with a perpetrator programme
- Men who are victims of domestic abuse
- Service Users with pets

The Contractor shall source supported accommodation for all Sandwell cases of domestic abuse who are in need of a supported accommodation Service. The Contractor shall utilise the units within this contract and/ or source out of borough services for all Sandwell cases who need to be placed out of Sandwell either for their safety or if there is no availability in the Sandwell services.

The Council has a maximum budget of £470,000 per annum for this Service.

It is anticipated that the Contract will commence on 1 February 2023 and run for a period of 5 years (end date: 31 January 2028), with an option to extend.

The Council will be using the In-tend e-Tendering System for this Procurement exercise, please visit <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sandwellmbc> to access the Sandwell MBC In-tend Supplier Portal.

From here you will be able to register your company, express an interest in the opportunity, and gain immediate access to the ITT and other related documents.

In Order To View the On-Line Questionnaire and Submit a Tender, you will be required to `Opt-In`.

Please be mindful that if you are cut and pasting your question responses onto the On-Line Questionnaire that you do so from a notepad document, this is due to the fact that some special characters are not accepted within the On-Line Questionnaire.

For a Step by Step user guide to the Sandwell MBC In-tend Supplier Portal please click on the `Guidance for Suppliers` section of the website. All procurement responses must be carried out via the Sandwell MBC In-tend Supplier Portal.

If you require further assistance in respect of the system please contact the In-tend support team on 0844 272 8810.

Closing date: Monday 14th November 2022 at 12:00noon

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £2,350,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation
- 85320000 - Social services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG37 - Sandwell

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Please refer to ITT documents.

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £2,350,000

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

Start date

1 February 2023

End date

31 January 2028

II.2.14) Additional information

5 years from 1 February 2023 to 31 January 2028, with no option to extend.

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

Please refer to ITT documentation.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Participants are advised that as the services sought pursuant to this notice are health and social services and therefore subject to the "light touch regime" as set out in regulations 74-77 of

the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 it is not subject to the full obligations of the Procurement Directive but are nonetheless subject to the general obligations of transparency, equal treatment and non-discrimination. Participants should not infer from any references to the authority using a process or tender documents which are similar to one of the mandatory procedures that the authority is following one of those procedures. The

authority is following its own tender process akin to the open procedure for this procurement. The authority reserves the right to award the contract in whole or part, to cancel or amend the tender process, not award the contract in whole or part, and does not bind itself to accept any tender. The authority reserves the right to make any changes it sees fit to the content and structure of the procurement competition and shall not be liable in any circumstances for any costs, or expenses incurred by any economic organisation in responding to this notice or in tendering for the contract. The contract is for a period of

5 years from 1 February 2023 to 31 January 2028, with no option to extend. Potential suppliers should note that in accordance with UK Government's policies on transparency the authority

may decide to publish the ITT and other tender documents and text from the contract awarded subject to possible redaction at the discretion of the authority. To comply with the

public sector equality duties the successful contractor will be expected to comply with the equality and diversity legislation in executing this contract. As a minimum standard the

authority utilises the common standard for equalities in public procurement. If you are not currently subject to UK legislation, documentary evidence of your compliance of equivalent

legislation which is designed to eliminate discrimination and to promote equality of opportunity in the Country where you are registered will be required. Under this procurement, the contractor will be required to support the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012. The contract mainly reflects services currently being provided by existing organisations, and therefore the EC Acquired Rights Directive 2001/23/EC as amended

and/or the transfer of undertakings (protection of employment) Regulations 2006 (TUPE) may apply to this contract. TUPE information will be made available to those organisations

who complete and return a signed data processing and confidentiality agreement, we request these are submitted at the earliest opportunity through a correspondence on the

Intend procurement portal. This opportunity will not be split up into multiple lots. This decision was made because this is a relatively small provider market and a very specific service is being tendered for, meaning that a lotting of areas may lose potential economies of scale and therefore value to the contracting authority. This was also a recommendation following the completion of a needs assessment for the Service.

To tender for this provision, please visit

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sandwellmbc> to access the Sandwell MBC In-tend Supplier Portal; from the homepage click "Register" to complete the registration process. Once logged in, click on

"Tenders" from the top menu bar to list all the current opportunities. Once you have found the provision of Accommodation Based Support Services for Victims of Domestic Abuse opportunity click on "View Details". You will

then have access to the "Express Interest" button at the bottom of the screen which will provide you with immediate access to the procurement documents and related documents. If you require any further help in respect of the supplier portal please contact the In-tend Support Team on 0844272 8810.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom