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Tender

Supported Employment Services for People with Learning Disabilities, Mental Health Needs & Physical Disabilities

Dorset Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

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

www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.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

Supported Employment Services for People with Learning Disabilities, Mental Health Needs & Physical Disabilities

Reference number

DN548629

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Dorset Council invites bids from suitably qualified and experienced providers to deliver a Supported Employment Service for people with learning disabilities, mental health needs and physical disabilities.

People accessing employment is a key area highlighted in national policies such as Valuing People Now, The Autism Act and The Care Act 2014. Dorset Council commissions a range of services for people (adults) living with learning disabilities and mental health issues and physical disabilities and has ambitious plans to commission a service that supports people in a holistic and strengths-based way, creating a clear pathway to employment and meaningful work placements. Historically, people who use Council services have remained NEET (Not in Education, Employment, or Training), and longer term this is likely to increase their reliance on funded social care services at a time when Council resources are under increasing pressure.

The service is being commissioned primarily for people supported by the Council who are living with learning disabilities, mental health needs and physical disabilities. However other people with an eligible need may access the service. The Council recognises its duty under the Care Act to ensure employment and volunteering opportunities are available to people with disabilities and other vulnerable adults. The Supported Employment Service will ensure people access and maintain supported employment that is realistic and sustainable; supporting people to achieve economic wellbeing and social inclusion whilst maximising their potential as a person living in Dorset.

The service will be sourcing and supporting a variety of work and work-related opportunities for people aged 16+ years with Learning Disabilities, Physical Disabilities, Mental Health needs, Autism and other support needs across Dorset.

Tenderers are advised to read the Procurement Document (ITT) fully before preparing and submitting any bid.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £480,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK2 - Dorset and Somerset

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 45

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 50

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £480,000

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

Start date

1 April 2022

End date

31 March 2025

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: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

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

Date

12 January 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

12 January 2022

Local time

12:30pm

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

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