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Planning

Preliminary Market Engagement - Youth Services

The Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London

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Scope

Description

The City of London Corporation is commissioning Youth and Play Services for individuals aged 8 to 19 (or up to 25 for those with SEND or who are Care Leavers), providing them with safe spaces to learn, grow, develop confidence, and support their health and wellbeing.

The plan includes exploring the alignment of three existing service elements: 1) Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG), 2) Youth Participation service - City Youth Forum (CYP), and 3) Universal Youth and Play Service (UY&P).

The Department of Community and Children's Services is responsible for delivering these services.

Please see details in the Preliminary Market Engagement document through the portal.

Total value (estimated)

- £800,000 excluding VAT
- £960,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2031
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

Engagement

Engagement deadline

24 June 2025

Engagement process description

Preliminary Market Engagement (PME)

PME in this case is where the City, at an early stage in the development of its proposals, but prior to formulating any formal procurement opportunity, seeks input from the market as to what might be the most attractive way of packaging and scoping a future procurement opportunity.

This exercise will provide an opportunity for the City to obtain insight into how participants might approach the delivery of the service in question. It also gives a useful early insight into the likely level of interest in a proposed project from that market.

Participants must also note that a response to this notice does not guarantee an invitation to participate in this or any future procurement that the City may conduct, nor that the City will procure any such supplies and services or accept any proposals offered. Any Procurement of supplies and services by the City will be carried out strictly in accordance with the Procurement Act (PA23).

The City has developed a questionnaire (attached at the end of this document) that they would like interested parties to complete.

As stated above, the outcome of the PME exercise will inform an options appraisal with recommendations.

please complete the questionnaire attached to the link below and return.

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Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

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