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Planning

Care Leavers Covenant

Department for Education

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Care Leavers Covenant

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

We want to reprocure an external delivery partner to run the Care Leaver Covenant (CLC) programme. The CLC is designed to enable national and local private, public and voluntary sector organisations across wider society to make a public commitment to support care leavers by providing specific practical things that help them to live independently.

Over 300 organisations are CLC signatories, including all government departments, Amazon, Metro Bank, John Lewis Partnership, Engie, care leaver friendly universities and water utility companies, who have backed up their commitment with practical offers of support. These are examples of offers which relate to employment opportunities, access to and participation in higher education, help to refurbish accommodation and discounts on utility bills . Covenant offers align with the care leaver outcomes in the 2016 cross-government strategy Keep on Caring (education, employment health, feeling safe and financial management) to help them make an effective transition from care to independence. Going forward, while there will continue to be an emphasis on education and employment the range of support offered by Covenant signatories will embrace all five missions set out in the Care Review: building relationships, better access and support into education and employment, reducing homelessness, and narrowing health inequalities.

A market engagement session will run on the Tuesday 8th November at 3pm. Please contact vicki.gregg@education.gov.uk with the names and email addresses of the attendees you wish to attend. This event will be run through Microsoft Teams. A slide pack and Q&A from the event will be provided at tender stage.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £2,600,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

14 November 2022

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes