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Planning

Regional DPS framework of Voluntary Adoption Agencies

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Torfaen County Borough Council
Newport City Council
Caerphilly County Borough Council
Monmouthshire County Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.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

Regional DPS framework of Voluntary Adoption Agencies

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 South East Wales Adoption Service would like to move towards a strategic sourcing approach to providing adoption placements for children across the South East Wales Region when using external agencies to provide placements.

A move towards a strategic sourcing approach would project the likely number of placements to made by the Voluntary Adoption Agencies (VAA) each year, offering the VAAs more security from which to enhance their service and provide the Regional Collaborative with clearer information for budgeting. Greater parity would emerge between the sourcing of external placements from statutory and voluntary sectors in Wales, with Welsh VAAs being used as an integral part in supporting placement activity within the Regional Collaborative. Critically, it would strengthen the Wales placement strategy in the placement of more Welsh children with families in Wales.

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council acting as lead commissioner on behalf of the South East Wales Adoption Service, is seeking expressions of interest from organisations who can actively support the Welsh Placement Strategy to place Welsh Children in Wales and wish to be considered for inclusion on a regional DPS sourcing framework of Voluntary Adoption Agencies.

There will be an expectation that interested parties maintain collaborative working arrangements to reduce waiting times for children and the infrastructure is in place to manage the number of placements likely to be required.

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

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL16 - Gwent Valleys

Main site or place of performance

Various locations across South East Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The commissioning parties are seeking to engage with organisations who can actively support the Welsh Placement Strategy to place Welsh Children in Wales, with the intention of establishing a regional framework/DPS to enable a strategic sourcing approach to providing adoption placements for children across the South East Wales region.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 December 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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Blaenau Gwent Council (acting on behalf of the South East Wales Adoption Service) is facilitating this market engagement exercise via its E-Procurement portal, which can be accessed via the following link:

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>

Project Ref: pqq_33362 - Regional DPS Framework of Voluntary Adoption Agencies

Interested parties should register their details on the portal in order to gain direct access to project and the ability to confirm their Expressions of Interest.

Expressions of interest should be submitted via the portal by no later than 12:00 noon Tuesday 15th November 2022.

All documentation has been uploaded to enable direct access following registration.

E-Tender access information:

— Go to <https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>.

— The first person from your Organisation to use the Platform will be required to register on behalf of the Organisation.

— On registering on the Platform the Super User will select a Username and will receive a password.

— The Password will be sent by e-mail to the e-mail address that was specified in the User Details section of the Registration page.

— In order to log-in to the Platform please enter your Username and Password.

— Contact the Helpdesk immediately if you are unable to contact the Super User (for example if they have left your Organisation).

— Note: If your Organisation is already registered on the Platform then you must not make any additional registration.

Please contact the Helpdesk to gain access to the Platform.

— The Help desk is available Monday-Friday: 8:00-18:00.

Telephone: +44 8003684852 e-mail: help@bravosolution.co.uk

— Expressions of Interest must be uploaded to the portal by no later than 12:00 noon 15th November 2022 and should comprise of:

- 1) confirmation of your interest to be included within a regional arrangement;
- 2) A Statement of purpose including relevant experience and Organisational overview;
- 3) A management and staffing structure chart that supports the statement of purpose and is relevant to individuals' needs;

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