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## **Delivery of the Gateway to Choices Service**

Belfast City Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-036460

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Belfast City Council

9 - 21 Adelaide Street

Belfast

BT2 8DJ

#### **Email**

[crothersr@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:crothersr@belfastcity.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKN06 - Belfast

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.belfastcity.gov.uk](http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk)

### **I.3) Communication**

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

[www.e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk](http://www.e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[www.e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk](http://www.e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk)

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### **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**

Delivery of the Gateway to Choices Service

Reference number

T2250

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The ultimate goal of the Gateway to Choices Service will be to get more of those further back in the labour market to engage in the existing provision that will support their employability and skills journey.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,000,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79600000 - Recruitment services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN06 - Belfast

## **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The Council invites Tenders from suitably qualified and experienced economic operators 'Bidders' for the Gateway to Choices service. The service will:

- create a database of employability and skills provision, ensuring support for Belfast residents through a Gateway to Choices service.
- deliver employability and skills focused independent information, advice and guidance (IAG) to help those living in Belfast, who are furthest from the labour market, make informed choices about their employability and skills pathway and to support those living in Belfast and currently in work (in Belfast or elsewhere) who are seeking better/more sustainable jobs to identify the requisite supports that are available to them.
- target those furthest from the labour market are (a) the long-term unemployed (LTU), (b) non-work ready claimants as referred by JBO Work Coaches, or (c) those economically inactive.
- support individuals seeking better/more sustainable jobs including those wishing to move on from entry level jobs, or from jobs on minimum wage, or from jobs with zero-hour contracts, or from jobs with short-term contracts.
- provide specialist triage support resource which will support individuals through referrals to appropriate provision and utilise all existing funding mechanisms and interventions, including those in health.

The ultimate goal is getting more of those further back in the labour market to engage in the existing provision that will support their employability and skills journey.

The successful bidder will work closely with the NI Careers Service, Jobs & Benefits Office (JBO) Work Coaches, relevant health service providers and local VCSE organisations for quality, up to date, impartial and independent advice tailored to individual needs and career aspirations.

## **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract shall be for an initial period of 3 months with the option to extend for a further period of 24 months, and then 12 months.

#### **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

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### **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

#### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

##### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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## **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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2022/S 000-024279](#)

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

Date

5 December 2022

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

5 December 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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## **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**

Royal Courts of Justice

Chicchester Street

Belfast

BT1 3JF

Country

United Kingdom