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Contract

Representation, Rights and Advocacy Service

Kent County Council

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-031472

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03434e

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ4 - Kent

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.kent.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<http://www.kent.gov.uk>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Representation, Rights and Advocacy Service

Reference number

DN581609

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Kent County Council (KCC) was looking for an organisation or a consortium of organisations to

deliver a Representation, Rights and Advocacy Service, that includes individual elements that are a recurring statutory requirement for KCC, as defined by the Children's Act 1989.

The aim will be to provide a dedicated service that offers robust, consistent and sustainable

support to children, young people and vulnerable adults.

The service model will bring together six interconnected elements of support which include:

1. Advocacy for Children in Care and for Care Leavers aged 16 – 24.
2. Independent Visitors for Children in Care aged 8 – 18 years.
3. Independent Persons for Stage 2 complaints under the Children Act 1989.
4. Appropriate Adults for young people aged 10 - 17 years, and vulnerable adults, detained at police custody suites who require support.
5. Accompanying Adults for the purpose of age assessment interviews for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children, Children Act 1989.
6. In addition, and in support to the Independent Visitors Service, funding will be provided for 10 places for a Leaving Care Mentoring Service. This additional funding is for young people who turn 18 and who choose to retain the support of the Independent Visitor as a Mentor.

The Leaving Care Mentoring Service is not a statutory requirement under the Children's Act.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £776,400

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

Competitive procedure with negotiation

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

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IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

7 November 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Young Lives Foundation

Maidstone

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £776,400

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Kent County Council

Maidstone

Country

United Kingdom