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Contract

Local Delivery of Government COVID Local Support Grant and Extension 2021

Gloucestershire County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-030393

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKK13 - Gloucestershire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.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

Local Delivery of Government COVID Local Support Grant and Extension 2021

Reference number

DN588360

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75340000 - Child allowances

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Gloucestershire delivery of the Government COVID Local Support Grant and Extension 2021 between April and September 2021.

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: £1,354,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75330000 - Family allowances

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK13 - Gloucestershire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The supply of food, energy, water bills and other essentials for the Government COVID Local Support Grant and Extension 2021 between April and September 2021 in Gloucestershire

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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

Explanation:

This award relates to the delivery of the Government COVID Local Support Grant and Extension 2021 between April and September 2021. The direct contract award to Auriga Service Ltd described is justified under Regulation 32(2)(c) PCRs because, for reasons of extreme urgency brought about by unforeseeable events (i.e., the unforeseeability of the decision by Government on 14th April 2021 to require Councils to distribute the COVID Local Support Grant fund with effect from 17th April 2021 and the further extension, notified on 20th June 2021 to distribute from 21st June 2021) it would not have been possible to comply with the time limits for conducting a regulated procurement process, nor would it have been possible to implement an alternative solution and then mobilise appropriate resources in the time available. Moreover, Auriga Ltd had operated the Council's Welfare Contract and assisted the council with the distribution of the Summer Emergency Assistance Grant and the Winter COVID Grant, in which case it already had in place the necessary resources and systems to provide the required services at short notice. The administration costs are very low (circa 1%) with almost all the support going directly to vulnerable families.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

16 April 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Auriga Services Ltd

Sutton Coldfield

B72 1TJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

Internet address

<https://www.aurigaservices.co.uk/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,354,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Gloucestershire County Council

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