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Tender

Advocacy Services: Lot 1 – Children’s Advocacy, Independent Visitors & Care Leavers Services and Lot 2 - Adult’s Advocacy Service

Oxfordshire County Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Prior information notice with call for competition

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=4bcf8ee3-656e-ee11-8124-005056b64545>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=4bcf8ee3-656e-ee11-8124-005056b64545>

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

Advocacy Services: Lot 1 – Children’s Advocacy, Independent Visitors & Care Leavers Services and Lot 2 - Adult’s Advocacy Service

Reference number

DN695419

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85320000 - Social services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Tenderers are invited to tender for the provision of Services as described in Appendix 1 Specification for the Provision of Children’s Advocacy, Independent Visitors & Care Leavers Services (Lot 1) and Adult’s Advocacy Services (Lot 2).

Advocacy services provide the support which enables an individual, usually a vulnerable person, to understand and communicate their choice or express their views on issues and participate in making decisions which affect them.

The Council has a statutory duty under the Care Act 2014 to ensure that some form of independently led support is available for eligible children, young people, and adults.

The Lot 1: Children’s Advocacy, Independent Visitors & Care Leavers Services include:

- Specialist IMCA, IMCA DoLS
- Paid Relevant Person’s
- Representative, Rule 1.2
- CoPDoLS service to those people eligible under the Mental Act 2005 (Independent Mental Capacity Advocates) (General) Regulations 2006, the Mental Capacity Act 2005 (Independent Mental Capacity Advocates) (Expansion of Role) Regulations 2006: and

Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards

- Independent Health Complaints Advocacy (IHCA)
- Regulation 44 Visits
- Independent Visitors Service
- Care Leavers Services

The Lot 2: Adult's Advocacy Services include:

- Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy Service (IMCA & (IMCA DoLS)
- Paid Relevant Person's Representative Service (RPR)
- Rule 1.2 (CoPDoLS)
- Independent Mental Health Advocacy Service (IMHA) – within Secure Hospital and Prison settings
- NHS Independent Complaints Advocacy Service
- Independent Care Act Advocacy Service (ICAA)
- Community Advocacy
- Empowerment Network

The Provider(s) will be expected to work collaboratively to ensure continuity and consistency across both services.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 2

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Advocacy Services: Lot 1 – Children’s Advocacy, Independent Visitors

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85320000 - Social services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Tenderers are invited to tender for the provision of the Services as described in Appendix 1: Specifications for Lot 1 for a term of three (3) years commencing 01 April 2024 with the option for the Council to extend the term of the contract for up to two (2) years in aggregate.

The maximum contract value for the 3-year term for Lot 1: Children’s Advocacy, Independent Visitors & Care Leavers Services is anticipated to be £537,770.24. Should the optional contract extension condition be exercised then the maximum contract value is anticipated to be £923,710.00 (5-year term). Bidders must submit a Price at, or below, the maximum available budget for the provision of contract Services as per Schedule 1: Specification for Lot 1.

The subject matter of this procurement process relates to the delivery of services which are listed to in Schedule 3 to the regulations. As such, the procurement process adopted by the Commissioners has been developed in accordance with Regulation 76 of the regulations and in particular in accordance with the fundamental public procurement principles of transparency and equal treatment. For the avoidance of doubt this means that the Commissioners have not adopted the open procedure (as such term is defined in the regulations) for the undertaking of this procurement process. The fact that in this Contract Notice at Section IV.1) the field/box relating to type of procedure may default to the term ‘Open’ does not mean that this procedure is being followed by the Commissioners.

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £923,710

II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement

Start date

1 April 2024

End date

31 March 2027

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Advocacy Services: Lot 2: Adult's Advocacy Service

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85320000 - Social services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Tenderers are invited to tender for the provision of the Services as described in Lot 2 for a term of three (3) years commencing 01 April 2024 with the option for the Council to extend the term of the contract for up to two (2) years in aggregate.

The maximum contract value for the 3-year term for Lot 2: Adult's Advocacy Service is anticipated to be £1,170,660.00. Should the optional contract extension condition be exercised then the maximum contract value is anticipated to be £1,951,100.00 (5-year term). Bidders must submit a Price at, or below, the maximum annual budget available for the provision of contract Services as per Schedule 1: Specification for Lot 2.

It is anticipated, due to legislative changes that may occur during the Contract Period, that service demand may increase. If this occurs and the Council agrees, the estimated value for the Services may increase up to the value of £3,388,505. Appropriate rights are reserved under the Contracts for the Council to require the Service Provider to meet the anticipated increased demand.

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II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £3,388,505

II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement

Start date

1 April 2024

End date

31 March 2027

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) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest

Date

30 November 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of England and Wales

Royal Courts of Justice

London

WC1A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom