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DCYP Dual Residential Placements

Suffolk County Council

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Suffolk County Council

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH14 - Suffolk

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.suffolk.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

DCYP Dual Residential Placements

Reference number

M003

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Suffolk County Council have negotiated exclusive access to a 2-bedroom bungalow that had previously been unavailable to disabled children and young people within our remit in

order to meet sufficiency for two disabled children with significant medical health needs. The property has been modified in such a way that it is able to accommodate children with complex medical needs, including those who are wheelchair users. The council now has a requirement to place two young people in this home, due to the specialist equipment and skills/expertise needed to meet their medical requirements and the need to place them together as siblings. Our research has concluded that there are no other suitable providers in the local area that can fully meet the needs of these two young people. Therefore, the council intends to award a contract directly to Achieving Aspirations Community Interest Company (CIC) for this service.

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: £3,011,949

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

As detailed at section II.1.4) Short description

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The Council is content that PCR 2015 Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) can be complied with in awarding a contract to Achieving Aspirations CIC because:

Works, supplies or services can be supplied only by a particular economic operator (i.e., competition is absent for technical reasons).

Suffolk County Council has determined that competition is absent due to the lack of suitable providers in the region who can cater for the complex medical needs of siblings to be accommodated together with the highly specialist nature of the services required. As such, the council intend to commence negotiations with Achieving Aspirations CIC to enter into a new agreement, on largely the same terms used in previous contracts for similar services. Our intention is to finalise these negotiations by Friday 18th October 2024.

Achieving Aspirations CIC has been supporting the council to care for Disabled Children and Young People through a series of contracts for over 10 years, and they currently operate a Short Breaks and Shared Care service in the county. This gives them a good understanding of the young people we want them to care for through this contract, and gives us confidence in their ability to support them.

Whilst the Council is confident that its analysis of these circumstances is correct, it remains committed to meeting its public procurement obligations and, in particular, commitments to transparency and equal treatment. If you have any queries concerning this notice, please contact us via neil.holland@suffolk.gov.uk in the first instance.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

M003

Title

DCYP Dual Residential Placements

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

7 October 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Achieving Aspirations CIC

Ipswich

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH14 - Suffolk

Companies House

09390925

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £3,011,949

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £3,011,949

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Suffolk County Council reserves the right to procure repeat requirements of a similar nature without a further call for competition pursuant to Regulation 32 of the public contracts Regulations 2015.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Suffolk County Council

Ipswich

Country

United Kingdom