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## **YPO 001166 - Framework for International Recruitment of Social Work Roles and Associated Services**

YPO

London Councils

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**20 November 2024, 12:00pm**

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

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

YPO

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKE45 - Wakefield

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.ypo.co.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://procontract.due-north.com/register?ReadForm>

**I.1) Name and addresses**

London Councils

London

**Email**

[Rula.Tripolitaki@londoncouncils.gov.uk](mailto:Rula.Tripolitaki@londoncouncils.gov.uk)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKI - London

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

## **I.3) Communication**

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/register?ReadForm>

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/register?ReadForm>

## **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

## **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

YPO 001166 - Framework for International Recruitment of Social Work Roles and Associated Services

Reference number

001166

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

- 79600000 - Recruitment services

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

Services

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

YPO are looking for Providers to be appointed onto a Framework Agreement for the provision of the International Recruitment of Social Work Roles and Associated Services. The Framework is designed to allow YPO to meet the needs of all Local Authorities in the United Kingdom by establishing an agreement where the end customer will place the order with the Provider and the Provider delivers direct to the end customer.

YPO is the lead Public Sector Buying Organisation (PSBO) for this Framework Agreement in collaboration with London Councils, as a group of Public Sector Buying Organisations (PSBO). For further details in respect of London Councils, please see link on page 4 of the Invitation to Tender. All references to 'London Councils' within this Invitation to Tender and all appendices are referring to this organisation.

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

Value excluding VAT: £30,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 79610000 - Placement services of personnel

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

This is a new Framework being developed by Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation (YPO) in partnership with London Councils (London Councils), supported by the London Innovation & Improvement Alliance (LIIA: LIIA – London Innovation and Improvement Alliance) on behalf of the Association of Directors of Children's Services (ALDCS). This Framework is being developed for the use of Local Authorities nationally, to support the international recruitment to social work roles and associated services. Please refer to section 1, paragraph 2.1 of the Invitation to Tender for further detail as to the definition of Local Authority and permissible users.

**II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40%

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Sustainability / Weighting: 20%

Price - Weighting: 40%

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

Start date

27 January 2025

End date

26 January 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

There is a possibility that this framework will be subject to renewal after 3.5 years from the

commencement date.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Framework Agreement will cover the period from 27th January 2025 to 26th January 2027, with two options to extend for an additional 12 months. The first decision to extend the Framework period will be taken by 27th October 2026 and will be dependent on satisfactory completion of all aspect of the Framework to date, the current market conditions for this category and YPO's contracting structures. The maximum Framework period will therefore be 4 years, from 27th January 2025 to 26th January 2029 (subject to an annual review, incorporating KPI performance).

#### **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.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

Organisations must ensure that they are not in breach of any of the mandatory or discretionary exclusions contained in Regulation 57 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. Please refer to the

Tender Documentation/ Online Tender located on our E-Procurement system. The web address can be found under 'Procurement Documents' in 'Communication' section in this notice.

#### **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

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

Please refer to the Framework Agreement Terms and Conditions located on our E-Procurement system. The web address can be found under Procurement Documents in 'Communication' Section in this notice.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

#### **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: [2023/S 000-032086](#)

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

Originally published as:

Date

15 November 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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Date

20 November 2024



Local time

12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

#### **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: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

15 November 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: There is a possibility that this framework will be subject to renewal after 3.5 years from the commencement date.

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The Framework Agreement has been designed for use by Local Authorities (served by YPO as a Central Purchasing Body defined by Section 2, and detailed in Regulation 37 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015). A Local Authority is any authority categorised as a county council, district council, unitary authority, metropolitan district or London Borough and a full list of councils can be found here: List of councils ([publishing.service.gov.uk](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)) This list may be updated throughout the duration of this Framework Agreement and any Local Authority included will be permitted to use this Framework Agreement. While the Framework Agreement has been designed for Local Authorities, YPO understands that

Local Authorities may establish arms length bodies, such as children's services trusts and those bodies shall also be deemed permissible users of this Framework Agreement.

Other Contracting Authorities (OCA) wishing to utilise the Framework Agreement may do so, in the knowledge that it has been established for Local Authorities. Please see the following link for details: <https://www.ypo.co.uk/about/customers/permissible-users>

YPO will incorporate a standstill period at the point of notification of the award of the contract

is provided to all bidders. The standstill period will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, and

provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract

is entered into. The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).

## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court of England and Wales

London

Country

United Kingdom