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Tender

Voluntary Infrastructure Service

Southend-on-Sea City Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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

I.3) Communication

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

[www.https://procontract.due-north.com](https://procontract.due-north.com)

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>

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

Voluntary Infrastructure Service

Reference number

DN641968

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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We are therefore looking to procure an infrastructure organisation for Southend that will deliver communities within the city that are resilient and thriving; a robust and thriving network of local voluntary and community organisations and support for people to volunteer and contribute back to the community.

We are also looking for an organisation that ensures that can deliver the other following outcomes:

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There is increased income into Southend's third sector (VCFSE) to support growth and sustainability; there is a strong network amongst the third sector members (VCFSE) in the

City with evidence of collaboration and asset sharing;

The third sector (VCFSE) receive quality communication about Council, and other key partner activities in Southend;

There are clear and diverse volunteering opportunities across the City that residents are matched to and if needed supported in;

The third sector (VCFSE) has good governance in place;

There is evidence that funding invested through the Community Investment Fund improves the capacity and resilience of the City.

We are committed to supporting the sector by providing the infrastructure provider with a five plus five year contract to bring about stability, there is also the commitment to work with the provider to attract more funding that may come available.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH31 - Southend-on-Sea

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Start date

1 June 2023

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

There is an option to extend for 5 years or any part thereof.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Open procedure

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

Date

22 December 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom