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## **(AFC) Joint Advocacy and Independent Visitor Service**

Achieving for Children Community Interest Company

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0417ee

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

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

Achieving for Children Community Interest Company

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## **Country**

United Kingdom

## **Region code**

UKI63 - Merton, Kingston upon Thames and Sutton

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.achievingforchildren.org.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://www.achievingforchildren.org.uk>

## **I.2) Information about 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>

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**

Other type

Local Authority Trading Company- Community Interest Company

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

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

(AFC) Joint Advocacy and Independent Visitor Service

Reference number

DN692015

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

Achieving for Children is seeking to appoint a provider or providers working in partnership for the delivery of a Joint Advocacy and Independent Visitor Services across Operational Area 1 (London Borough of Kingston and Richmond) and Operational 2 (Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead).

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

Value excluding VAT: £525,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKI63 - Merton, Kingston upon Thames and Sutton

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

Achieving for Children is seeking to appoint a provider or providers working in partnership for the delivery of a Joint Advocacy and Independent Visitor Services across Operational Area 1 (London Borough of Kingston and Richmond) and Operational 2 (Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead).

In order to fulfil its statutory Corporate Parenting responsibilities, AfC is seeking to appoint a provider to deliver and manage Children's Advocacy and Independent Visitor services for its children and young people aged 8-25. These include Children in Need; Children with a Child Protection Plan (CPP); and Children Looked After (CLA); Care Leavers; Young people up to age of 25 with disabilities.

The advocacy service will provide representation and support to children and young people aged 8-25( where there is an assessed disability need) to enable them make informed choices and decisions about services they receive which impact on their health and wellbeing.

The independent visitor service will provide mentoring and befriending support for children and young people in care who require help in enhancing their social connections, building trusting relationships

Achieving for Children is using an Open Procedure for this procurement of services categorised as 'social and other specific services' under Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ('PCR 2015'). This procurement exercise will therefore be subject to the Light Touch Regime ('LTR') under Regulations 74 to 77 as set out in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

The initial contract period is for 36 months (3 years) from 1st June 2024 - 31st

May 2027, with an option to extend for 2 (two) further periods of up to 12 months. The overall contract term is therefore for 60 months (5 years).

## **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

## **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £525,000

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

Start date

1 June 2024

End date

31 May 2027

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial contract is for a period of 36 months with an option to extend for a further period of up to 12 months + 12 months

## **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

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## **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

13 December 2023

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**

The High Court of Justice

The Strand London

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom