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Tender

(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

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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

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

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

Date

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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

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Country

United Kingdom