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Contract

## **Tender for the Provision of Specialist Temporary Agency Early Years Practitioners**

THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-033553

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03e49d

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

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

THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Edgbaston

BIRMINGHAM

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKG31 - Birmingham

**Companies House**

RC000645

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/index.aspx>

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Tender for the Provision of Specialist Temporary Agency Early Years Practitioners

Reference number

FRAM177/23a

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

- 79620000 - Supply services of personnel including temporary staff

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

Services

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

The University wishes to establish a framework for the 'Provision of Specialist Temporary Agency Early Years Practitioners' using the OPEN procurement procedure.

The University of Birmingham (UoB) has three-day nurseries; The Oaks, The Elms, and The Maples Day Nurseries all of which are / have:

- members of the National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA) - the national charity representing children's day nurseries across the UK, which promotes quality in early years care and education for the benefit of children, their families, and the local community.
- All our staff members are paediatric first aid trained
- Operation Encompass setting and NSPCC Graded Care Profile trained
- Secure entry by fob only and 24-hour CCTV

We are dedicated to providing high quality childcare, which offers each individual child a

safe, secure, and caring environment. We provide a comprehensive range of stimulating and purposeful opportunities and experiences that allows each child to explore and pursue their own interests and goals to promote and enhance all aspects of their individual development.

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Our mission is to provide high quality, inclusive childcare and education for University of Birmingham staff and students as well as parents in the local community. Our highly trained team use their skills, warmth, and passion to apply the National Framework for early years which are underpinned by our nursery values.

Our aim is to help your child develop physically, intellectually, socially, and emotionally helping to prepare them for their future at school and beyond. We understand that each and every child needs a happy, healthy environment for learning and playing and our day nurseries are dedicated to helping parents provide just that. Children benefit immensely from the rich, stimulating environment and the wealth of learning opportunities that are available to them. The government's Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the framework the nursery follows to provide that assurance.

The children are surrounded by their peers and dedicated practitioners to allow them to develop at their own pace.

#### **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: £2,700,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKG31 - Birmingham

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

The University wishes to establish a framework for the 'Provision of Specialist Temporary Agency Early Years Practitioners' using the OPEN procurement procedure.

The University wishes to establish a framework with up to five (5) providers for the 'Provision of Specialist Temporary Agency Early Years Practitioners'.

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The annual procurement spend is in the region of up to £540,000 but there is no guarantee that this level of spend during this new framework will be achieved.

The agency margin will be fixed for the duration of the contract, although statutory costs and temporary worker hourly rates may be amended in line with government legislation.

The Framework Agreement will last for a period of up to but not exceeding four (4) years (unless terminated under the Framework Agreement provisions).

The procurement will be structured as follows:

- Specialist Temporary Agency Early Years Practitioners.

The Framework Agreement will be awarded to a maximum of five (5) agencies and the allocation of shifts on the following basis:

- The first ranked agency, in terms of MEAT will be provided with shift requirements for a two week period for 'Band 300 Nursery Practitioner requirements' and will have a period of one week to confirm whether or not that they can fulfil the request
- Those shifts that have not been fulfilled will then be communicated to the other agencies

on the framework

- Based on the first response received, those agencies that confirm that they can fulfil the request will be awarded the assignment(s).

The specialist temporary agency job roles covered under this framework include but not limited to.

- Band 300 Nursery Practitioner Level 3 - Qualified

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 45

Quality criterion - Name: Social Responsibility / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Terms and Conditions / Weighting: 15

Price - Weighting: 30

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

Options: 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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-021257](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

13 November 2023

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Aspire People Limited Unit 2-3 Emmanuel Court Reddicroft Sutton Coldfield B73 6BN

Sutton Coldfield

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG31 - Birmingham

Companies House

05276396

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £900,000



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Number of tenders received: 3

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Hays Specialist Recruitment Limited 4th Floor 20 Triton Street London NW1 3BF

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI3 - Inner London – West

Companies House

00975677

The contractor is an SME

No

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Number of tenders received: 3

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Humly Midlands Ltd t/a Humly Radclyffe House 66 - 68 Hagley Road Edgbaston Birmingham  
B16 8PF

Birmingham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG31 - Birmingham

Companies House

05325059

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £900,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

University of Birmingham

Birmingham

Country

United Kingdom