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## **AfC First 1001 Days Enhanced Support Service**

Achieving for Children Community Interest Company

F02: Contract notice

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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 First 1001 Days Enhanced Support Service

Reference number

DN698193

#### **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 for the delivery of a new targeted support service for the most vulnerable families with newborns and children with additional needs in the First 1001 days from conception to 2 years in London Borough of Kingston and Richmond.

The Childcare Act 2006 places the following duties on Local Authorities:

- To improve the well-being of young children (birth to 5 years) in their area and reduce inequalities between them
- Make arrangements to secure that early childhood services in their area are provided in an integrated manner in order to facilitate access and maximise the benefits of those services to young children and their parents.
- Together with local commissioners of health services and Jobcentre Plus to consider whether the early childhood services they provide should be provided through children's centres in the area.

In order to support an integrated offer through the Family Hubs and connect new parents, particularly those with presenting vulnerabilities, to the extensive hub offer we are seeking to commission a voluntary organisation to provide home visiting to new parents and pregnant mothers and/or parents with children aged under 2 years with parental mental health, finance pressures and/or histories of domestic abuse. This ensures an ongoing

offer of home visiting, although the age range will reduce.

The First 1001 Days Enhanced Support Service will ensure that parents who are identified as isolated are prioritised, with a model of home visiting and then encouraging access to and engagement with the Family Hub offer - including online and through joint visits to the hubs and sessions. To ensure priority is given to the most vulnerable families, the aim is to establish an identification and referral pathway for this smaller cohort through the Perinatal Mental Health team, Hospital and Health Visiting Service. The parents would be those who are receiving MESCH (or similar targeted Health Visiting Service) and would benefit from additional support and guidance.

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

Value excluding VAT: £270,000

### **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 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 24 months (2 years) from 1st May 2024 - 31st April 2026, with an option to extend for a further period of up to 12 months. The overall contract term is therefore for 36 months (3 years).

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

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

Value excluding VAT: £270,000

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

Start date

1 May 2024

End date

31 March 2026

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial contract period is for 24 months (2 years) from 1st May 2024 - 31st

April 2026, with an option to extend for a further period of up to 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

21 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

21 December 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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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

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom