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Contract

## **Provision of the Independent Review Mechanism (IRM) for Fostering and Adoption 2024-2027**

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-034498

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

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

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

Department for Education

Sanctuary Buildings, 20, Great Smith Street

London

SW1P 3BT

#### **Email**

[Bea.BELL@education.gov.uk](mailto:Bea.BELL@education.gov.uk)

#### **Telephone**

+44 12345678

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Provision of the Independent Review Mechanism (IRM) for Fostering and Adoption 2024-2027

Reference number

ITT\_2209

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

- 79111000 - Legal advisory services

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

Services

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

Provision of independent panels that review suitability to adopt or foster and other decisions made by adoption and fostering providers.

#### **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: £729,804

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The IRM provides an essential statutory service to prospective and existing foster parents, adopters and adult adoptees. The main function of the IRM is to offer an objective and

independent route for applicants to request a review of decisions made by fostering and adoption services about their approval status and access to their records. The service offered by the IRM is unique within the sector and enables applicants to have their case heard by an independent panel of children's social care experts. The service is provided for in regulations and represents an

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

Quality criterion - Name: Mobilisation and Implementation / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Delivery Model / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Reporting, Oversight, and Sharing Learning / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value, Tackling Economic Inequality / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Service Cost / Weighting: 20

### **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

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

not applicable

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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 000-022165](#)

#### IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

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## Section V. Award of contract

### Contract No

Con\_22701

### Lot No

n/a

### Title

Provision of Independent Review Mechanism (IRM) service for Fostering and Adoption 2024-2027

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

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

22 November 2023

**V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

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

Coram Children's Legal Centre (CCLC)

Wellington House 4th Floor, 90-92 Butt Road

Colchester

CO3 3DA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £729,804

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court of Justice

The Strand, London

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Department for Education

Sanctuary Bld, Great Smith Stret

London

SW1P 3BT

Country

United Kingdom