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Tender

Removal of Bodies on behalf of HM Coroner for Cumbria

Cumberland Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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<https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Removal of Bodies on behalf of HM Coroner for Cumbria

Reference number

DN700630

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 98370000 - Funeral and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Cumberland council, as 'relevant authority' for coroner's services in Cumbria is seeking suitable contractor(s) to enter a contract(s) for the 'Removal of Bodies on behalf of the HM Coroners' within the county of Cumbria.

As 'relevant authority' Cumberland Council has the statutory responsibility to provide appropriate, timely and robust arrangements for the collection and/or transportation of a deceased person when the death needs to be referred to hm coroner for investigation if the death occurred within the Cumbria Coroners area.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £2,197,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 4

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Removal of Bodies on behalf of HM Coroner for Cumbria - Lot 1: North Cumbria

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 98370000 - Funeral and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD1 - Cumbria

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Cumberland council, as 'relevant authority' for coroner's services in Cumbria is seeking suitable contractor(s) to enter a contract(s) for the 'Removal of Bodies on behalf of the HM Coroners' within the county of Cumbria.

As 'relevant authority' Cumberland Council has the statutory responsibility to provide appropriate, timely and robust arrangements for the collection and/or transportation of a deceased person when the death needs to be referred to hm coroner for investigation if the death occurred within the Cumbria Coroners area.

Lot 1: North Cumbria

Carlisle and the surrounding area, with boundaries are coterminous with what was the old 'Carlisle City Council' area.

The area approximately covers to the Scottish border to the North, and to the Northumberland border to the east. West to the Solway estuary and the village of Kirkbampton, and south to Dalston / Sebergham.

(Designated mortuary – CIC, Carlisle).

Included are the potential transfer / collection of cases between CIC in Carlisle, WCH in Whitehaven and RLI in Lancaster, or other hospitals as required by HM Coroner.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £322,000

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

Duration in months

72

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Removal of Bodies on behalf of HM Coroner for Cumbria - Lot 2: Eden Valley / East Cumbria, and South-East Cumbria

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 98370000 - Funeral and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD1 - Cumbria

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Cumberland council, as 'relevant authority' for coroner's services in Cumbria is seeking suitable contractor(s) to enter a contract(s) for the 'Removal of Bodies on behalf of the HM Coroners' within the county of Cumbria.

As 'relevant authority' Cumberland Council has the statutory responsibility to provide appropriate, timely and robust arrangements for the collection and/or transportation of a deceased person when the death needs to be referred to hm coroner for investigation if the death occurred within the Cumbria Coroners area.

Lot 2: Eden Valley / East Cumbria, and South-East Cumbria

Penrith, Eden Valley, and the surrounding area, and Kendal and South-East Cumbria.

Area approximately covers Southwaite / Alston to the north, Patterdale and Glenridding to the west, Appleby / Brough / Kirkby Stephen / Sedbergh / Kirby Lonsdale to the east, and the A591 corridor covering Ambleside, Windermere, and Kendal. The south-east boundary of this Lot 2 is that of Lancashire and Yorkshire.

(Designated mortuaries, subject to the place of death – CIC, Carlisle or RLI, Lancaster).

Included are the potential transfer / collection of cases between CIC in Carlisle, and RLI in Lancaster, or other hospitals as required by HM Coroner.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £485,000

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

Duration in months

72

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Removal of Bodies on behalf of HM Coroner for Cumbria - Lot 3: South Cumbria

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 98370000 - Funeral and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD1 - Cumbria

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Cumberland council, as 'relevant authority' for coroner's services in Cumbria is seeking suitable contractor(s) to enter a contract(s) for the 'Removal of Bodies on behalf of the HM Coroners' within the county of Cumbria.

As 'relevant authority' Cumberland Council has the statutory responsibility to provide

appropriate, timely and robust arrangements for the collection and/or transportation of a deceased person when the death needs to be referred to hm coroner for investigation if the death occurred within the Cumbria Coroners area.

Lot 3: South Cumbria

Barrow-in-Furness and south Cumbria.

Area approximately covers Barrow-in-Furness and Walney Island to the south, Coniston / Broughton-in-Furness to the north, and east to Grange-over-Sands.

(Designated mortuaries, subject to location of the deceased – FGH, Barrow or RLI, Lancaster).

Included in this are any necessary transfer and collection of cases between FGH in Barrow and RLI in Lancaster.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £725,000

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

Duration in months

72

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Removal of Bodies on behalf of HM Coroner for Cumbria - Lot 4: Copeland and Allerdale

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 98370000 - Funeral and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD1 - Cumbria

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Cumberland council, as 'relevant authority' for coroner's services in Cumbria is seeking suitable contractor(s) to enter a contract(s) for the 'Removal of Bodies on behalf of the HM Coroners' within the county of Cumbria.

As 'relevant authority' Cumberland Council has the statutory responsibility to provide appropriate, timely and robust arrangements for the collection and/or transportation of a deceased person when the death needs to be referred to hm coroner for investigation if the death occurred within the Cumbria Coroners area.

Lot 4: Copeland and Allerdale

The previous local authority areas of Copeland and Allerdale

The area approximately covers Millom / Haverigg to the south, then Whitehaven / Workington / Maryport / Silloth to the west or coastline. Including Cockermouth and Keswick to the east, and north to Burgh-by-Sands / Thursby / Caldbeck.

(Designated mortuary, subject to the place of death – WCH, Whitehaven and CIC, Carlisle).

Lot 4 will potentially include any necessary transfer and collections between WCH in Whitehaven, CIC in Carlisle and RLI in Lancaster.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £665,000

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

Duration in months

72

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

8 January 2024

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

8 January 2024

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

Suppliers wishing to express an interest and obtain access to the tender documents should

go to www.the-chest.org.uk and click on current opportunities from the navigation area on the left of the screen. On the next screen enter the contract Reference (DN699257) in the box labelled 'contains' then click search. Click on the Blue link for the contract title to view the opportunity. To express an interest you will need to login. If you are not already registered on the www.the-chest.org.uk you will need to return to the home page and click on Register. Register FREE link in the navigation area on the left of the screen. Registration is

free of charge and your username and password will be emailed to you.

Cumberland Council is fully supportive of all aspects of diversity including ethnicity, race, religion, age, disability and sexual orientation. In this respect Cumberland Council welcomes expressions of interest from ethnic minority, disabled and other diverse business

communities and the voluntary sector. Economic operators are therefore required to fully comply with all statutory obligations/applicable legislation and there will be a requirement to participate in the Authority's supplier audits on all aspects of diversity.

The Contracting Authority expressly reserves the right:

(i) not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by

publication of this notice; and

(ii) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition; and in no circumstances will the Contracting Authority be liable for any costs incurred by the candidates. Any expenditure, work or effort undertaken prior to contract award is accordingly a matter solely for the commercial judgement of potential suppliers.

The contracting authority reserve the right to use any electronic portal during the life of the agreement.

The value provided in Section II.1.5 and Section II.2.6 is only an estimate.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of England

London

Country

United Kingdom