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Contract

Alternative (Education) Provision in Oxfordshire

Oxfordshire County Council

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-034890

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-040cc7

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Oxfordshire County Council

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Oxford

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Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.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**

Alternative (Education) Provision in Oxfordshire

Reference number

DN695070

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Oxfordshire County Council would like to invite all Alternative Education Providers to our Provider Forum to explore the Oxfordshire County Council Open Framework for Alternative Education Provision.

The objectives of the session will be as follows:

- To understand Alternative Education Provision and the future of AEP in Oxfordshire
- To review OCC's AEP Framework
- To explore key aspects of the service specification
- To explore key areas when applying to join the framework
- To explore the next application timeframe and what will be in place from September 2025
- The role of procurement in AEP
- The role of brokerage in AEP
- Quality and Improvement processes in AEP
- An opportunity for questions and discussion

Please feel free to reach out to us if there are any questions you would like to address in this meeting.

This meeting will be held over Teams on the following date and times:

- Tuesday 8th July at 10am – 12pm
- Tuesday 8th July at 4pm – 6pm

Please contact us at ellie.rodas@oxfordshire.gov.uk expressing which is your preferred time. Invites will be sent out on a first come first served basis.

WHAT IS ALTERNATIVE PROVISION?

Alternative Provision (AP) provides education and support to often vulnerable pupils and each placement has the potential to transform a child's life chances. AP is education arranged and commissioned for pupils of compulsory school age outside of mainstream or special schools, who would not otherwise receive suitable education for any reason.

AP will be commissioned from providers using an Open Framework to support the Council in meeting its statutory responsibilities by providing a mechanism to purchase from quality assured Service Providers to deliver a variety of educational services to CYP.

The purpose of the Framework is to ensure Children and Young People (CYP) that require AP have access to high quality and appropriate alternative education provision from a range of approved, quality assured providers with agreed rates, who demonstrate the skills and experience to meet the needs of the CYP and is intended to facilitate the placement of vulnerable learners by providing an online directory of approved providers and clarity on rates for services offered.

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: £13,800,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Service delivery / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Leadership and Governance / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Assessing Need / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Workforce / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Achieving Outcomes / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Working in Partnership / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 100

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.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2023/S 000-030653](#)

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

16 April 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 88

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

1st Staff Limited

Epping

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Academy21

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ackerman Pierce Ltd

Surrey

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Activate Learning

Oxford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Autism Champions

Oxford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Be My Tutor

Richmansworth

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

BrightTeach

Portslade

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

CRT Enterprises t/a Sparks Academy

Leicester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

EMBS Ethnic Minority Business Service

Oxford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Equal Education

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Fleet Education Services

Welwyn Garden City

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Fresh Start in Education

Canterbury

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Heros

Wantage

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Hill End Outdoor

Oxford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ignite Sports UK

Oxford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

In Our Element

Powys

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

JDS Recruitment

Loughton

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Learning Curve Group

Cardiff

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

MKL Consultants t/a Tutor Doctor Oxford

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Nisai Virtual Academy

Pinner

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Nudge Education

Newcastle upon Tyne

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

OCEM Ltd

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

One-Eighty

Oxford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Orchard Therapeutic Farm

Charlgrove

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Oxford Computer Science

Oxford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Oxford Creators

Didcot

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Oxford Education Consulting

Gayton

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Oxford Online School

Oxford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Path Hill Outdoors

Goring Heath

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Pet-Xi

Coventry

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Progress Schools

Bootle

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Prospero Group

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Purple Ruler

Cantebury

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

RAW Workshop

Oxford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ready ICT

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

SENse Learning

Staplefield

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Sophia High School

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Supreme Education

Croydon

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Targeted Provision

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Teaching Personnel

Herts

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Catch-Up Academy

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Dare2Dream Foundation

Nuneaton

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

TLC Live

Hertfordshire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Oxfordshire Motor Project TRAX

Oxford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Winchmore Tutors

Surrey

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £13,800,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Oxfordshire County Council

Oxford

Email

StartWellProcurement@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom