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Tender

CR: Kinship Peer Support FTS

Department for Education

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-040a9b

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

I.3) Communication

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

<https://education.app.iaggaer.com/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://education.app.iaggaer.com/>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

CR: Kinship Peer Support FTS

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85322000 - Community action programme

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Department for Education are looking for a provider facilitate peer to peer support groups for kinship carers in areas of most need across the country. The contract is due to commence on 1 July 2024 and will be for an initial period of 21 months, with a further optional extension of 2 years (+1, +1).

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,399,992

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Department for Education are looking for a provider to facilitate peer to peer support groups for kinship carers in areas of most need across the country. The contract is due to

commence on 1 July 2024 and will be for an initial period of 21 months, with a further optional extension of 2 years (+1, +1). The maximum budget for this contract is £1,399,992 (ExVAT).

Kinship carers play a vital role in caring for children who may otherwise have entered care. Many struggle emotionally, physically and financially due to the caring responsibilities they take on. The service aligns with the recommendations in the Independent Review of Children's Social Care Case for Change report, which was published in June 2021, calling for kinship care to be "prioritised and supported". Establishing a better infrastructure for peer support groups is one way of responding to this.

Peer groups are a high impact way of supporting thousands of kinship carers, and research shows that emotional support from kinship carers in similar positions is the most important form of support need after financial support.

We are nearing the end of a 2 year contract aimed at creating and maintaining peer groups and peer support services. We want to maintain this high-quality peer support across the country, to ensure provision is sustained and continues to be available to those who need it. Therefore, we are seeking a supplier to maintain and deliver the peer support groups which have been created.

You can access the Invitation to Tender and all relevant documents through the Jaggaer Portal (<https://education.app.jaggaer.com>). Please submit any questions and tender responses via Jaggaer.

The closing date for this opportunity will be 12:00 Midday on Monday 15th January 2024.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,399,992

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

Start date

1 July 2024

End date

31 March 2026

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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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 000-029791](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

15 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

15 January 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

Department for Education

London

Country

United Kingdom