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## **Adoption Recruitment and Support Services**

Cumberland Council

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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#### **Region code**

UKD1 - Cumbria

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://procontract.duenorth.com/Advert/Index?advertId=11a99154-d595-ee11-8125-005056b64545>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.duenorth.com/Advert/Index?advertId=11a99154-d595-ee11-8125-005056b64545>

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

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Adoption Recruitment and Support Services

Reference number

DN702986

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

The Council is procuring a Cumbria Adoption Recruitment and Support Services contract to be delivered by an Adoption Agency to ensure effective, efficient and timely adoption placements. The service shall recruit and support adopters, working with Cumberland and Westmorland & Furness Councils, to match referred children with adopters. This service shall be delivered alongside the work of Cumbria Adoption, ensuring an integrated service for adopted children and their families. For further information, please refer to II.2.4 and also view the tender documents via The Chest (website below at II.2.4).

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

Value excluding VAT: £2,750,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKD1 - Cumbria

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

The Council is conducting a procurement using the open procedure in accordance with the Light Touch Regime under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 for the purpose of procuring the services as described briefly above at II.1.4 and in detail within the service specification which is part of the tender documents available via The Chest (see below).

All award criteria are stated in the tender documents only.

The estimated total potential value of the Contract for the initial term, plus the two optional extensions of up to 12 months each, is £2,750,000 excluding VAT.

The inter-agency fees associated with the Contract, which cover recruiting and assessing adopters, matching and placing children, and providing supervision and support up to the point of adoption, are set by the Consortium of Voluntary Adoption Agencies (CVAA) in agreement with The Association of Directors of Children's Services.

Details of expenditure are indicative only. The Council does not guarantee any spend against this Contract.

The Council proposes to enter into the Contract for a period of THREE years with the successful Tenderer from 1st April 2024. There are TWO optional extensions of up to 12 months each. Use of these optional extensions is at the absolute discretion of the Council.

To access the tender documents, including the service specification, and to submit a bid, please use our online procurement portal - The Chest (<https://www.the-chest.org.uk>). Registration on The Chest is free.

All bids must be received electronically via The Chest by the closing date stated in the Invitation to Tender (ITT).

Any clarifications you have about the tender must be sent via messaging on The Chest by the closing date stated in the ITT.

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

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

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

Start date

1 April 2024

End date

31 March 2027

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

There are two optional extensions available of up to 12 months each, which are at the absolute discretion of the Council. The initial term is THREE years from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2027. If the optional extensions are used, the latest end date would be 31st March 2029.

#### **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

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

Date

11 January 2024

Local time

11:00am

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

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

11 January 2024

Local time

11:15am

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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**

His Majesty's Court Service

London

Country

United Kingdom