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## **ACS Bridging Service**

Suffolk County Council

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKH14 - Suffolk

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk)

**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**

ACS Bridging Service

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Bridging Service to provide care to Customers on the Outstanding Home Care Support List (Waiting List).

**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: £5,000,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk

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

Following a sustained period of high demand, post-pandemic Suffolk County Council (SCC) entered into a Pilot with an existing Provider to deliver a Bridging Service in Suffolk to deliver care to Customers on the Outstanding Home Care Support List (Waiting List). The Pilot solution allowed staff to be deployed into Suffolk, thus not creating further pressure on an already fragile local staffing resource.

A six month contract to continue this service with the Pilot Provider is required to allow SCC sufficient time to undertake Market Engagement and run a procurement process for this service in the future.

Market Engagement is expected to commence during January 2023.

The value of the 6 month contract is up to £5,000,000 + VAT.

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

It was anticipated that capacity to provide care to waiting list customers would have been gained after the award of recent framework, unfortunately this has not been the case.

To continue to provide care to customers on this waiting list whilst not creating further pressure on an already fragile local staff resource and to allow a procurement exercise to be completed a direct award to the existing Pilot Provider is needed.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

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

19 December 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Airmid Staffing

First Floor, 65-67 Leonard Street

London

EC2A4QS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

13545843

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £5,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £5,000,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Suffolk County Council reserves the right to procure repeat requirements of a similar nature without a further call for competition pursuant to Regulation 32 of the public contracts Regulations 2015

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

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

Suffolk County Council

Ipswich

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Suffolk County Council incorporates a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period from the point at which information on the award of contract is communicated to tenderers. This period allows unsuccessful tenderers to seek further debriefing from the contracting authority before the contract is entered into. If an appeal regarding the award of contract has not been successfully resolved: The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or at risk of harm by a breach of the rules, to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) Any such action must be brought promptly.