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Tender

DoJ - Provision of an Advocacy Service for Victims of Domestic and Sexual Abuse

Department of Justice
Police Service of Northern Ireland

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department of Justice

c/o Construction and Procurement Delivery, 303 Airport Road West

BELFAST

BT3 9ED

Email

justice.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/topics/procurement>

I.1) Name and addresses

Police Service of Northern Ireland

c/o Construction Procurement Delivery, Clare House, 303 Airport Road West

Belfast

BT3 9ED

Email

justice.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.psni.police.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/topics/procurement>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

DoJ - Provision of an Advocacy Service for Victims of Domestic and Sexual Abuse

Reference number

ID 5609268

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85312310 - Guidance services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Department of Justice (DoJ) has a range of powers relating to devolved policing and justice functions and is responsible for the legislative and policy framework of, as well as for resourcing, the justice system. It comprises four Directorates - Access to Justice, Safer Communities, Justice Delivery and Reducing Offending - and is responsible for a number of agencies and arm's length bodies which enable it to deliver upon its priorities. The Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) seeks to keep people safe through policing with the community. This involves understanding and responding to the human impact of policing, creating real participation between police and the community – a partnership in which policing reflects and responds to the community's needs and in which the community plays an active part in delivering a solution. Tackling domestic and sexual abuse is a key priority for the Justice Minister, as well as for the Chief Constable of PSNI, much work has already progressed, and continues to be taken forward, at strategic, policy and operational levels, to address these issues in partnership with the other Executive Departments; statutory agencies and community and voluntary sector bodies. DoJ, in partnership with PSNI, wishes to appoint a service provider(s) to deliver revised Northern Ireland-wide advocacy services for qualifying victims of domestic and sexual abuse. The current contract is intended to provide a service for all victims of domestic and sexual abuse who are engaging with the criminal justice system, those who are referred by the Rowan Sexual Abuse Referral Centre and for those who have been referred into a Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC).

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £8,400,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots
2

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 - Adult Service (18 and over)

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85312310 - Guidance services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Details provided in Specification document.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £4,550,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement

Duration in months

84

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

Lot 2 - Child Service (under 18)

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85312310 - Guidance services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Details provided in Specification document.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £3,850,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement

Duration in months

84

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.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation

List and brief description of rules and criteria

Selection and Award criteria are as stated in the procurement documents.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure

Selection and Award criteria are as stated in the procurement documents.

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

16 December 2024

Local time

3:00pm

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

Neither CPD nor the Department of Justice / Police Service of Northern Ireland can provide any guarantees as to the levels of business under this contract. The estimated contract values are broad estimates only; they include additional quantum for unforeseen demand and to future proof. The estimates are not deemed to be a condition of contract nor a guarantee of minimum demand or uptake. No compensation will be payable to a contractor should the actual demand be less than that stated. . . Contract monitoring: the successful Contractor(s) performance on the contract will be regularly monitored.

Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a Contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave professional misconduct and they may be issued with a notice of written warning and notice of unsatisfactory performance, and this contract may be terminated. The issue of a notice of written warning and notice of unsatisfactory performance will result in the Contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions being undertaken by Centres of Procurement Expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement Policy for a period of up to 3 years from the date of issue of the notice. . . The Authority expressly reserves the rights: (i) not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; (ii) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition; (iii) to award (a) contract(s) in respect of any part(s) of the services covered by this notice and (iv) to award contract(s) in stages. And under no circumstances will the Authority be liable for any costs incurred by Candidates.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures in public procurement competitions. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by

the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued.

N/A

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and, where appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full.. information on the award decision. This provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.