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## **Children's Centres VEAT Notice**

Kent County Council

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04261f

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKJ4 - Kent

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

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

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

County Council

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Children's Centres VEAT Notice

Reference number

DN703668

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Kent County Council is seeking to directly award two contracts for provision of family hubs in Margate, Thanet and Sheerness, Sheppey in the county of Kent.

The Family Hub concept is to provide families with a single access point to integrated family support services. Services will include those that we recognise in Kent as Early Help, linking across Children, Young People and Education, Public Health and the NHS with emphasis on being a one stop shop for help and support for families with social, emotional, physical and financial needs.

#### **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: £671,616

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

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

The procurement process will be a negotiated procedure without a call for competition. There is a need to award contracts in these areas for 18 months, with an optional break clause after 12 months whilst the wider scoping is undertaken of Family Hub services in Kent and this opportunity will then be competitively tendered.

#### **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

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Kent County Council is seeking to directly award two contracts to Millmead Children's Centre Partnership Ltd and Children and Families Ltd CIC. This is based on regulation 32 (2) (b) (ii) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

(2) The negotiated procedure without prior publication may be used for public works contracts, public supply contracts and public service contracts in any of the following cases:—

(b) where the works, supplies or services can be supplied only by a particular economic operator for any of the following reasons:—

(ii) competition is absent for technical reasons,

Specifically, that there is a need to secure the delivery of Family Hub services in these areas because The Lower Super Output Areas (LSOA) are in two of the most deprived areas in Kent and nationally. Deprivation data from 2019 shows that one of the LSOA's within Sheerness, is 48th most deprived LSOA nationally (out of a total of 32,844 LSOA's nationally) making it within the top 0.2 % of most deprived LSOA's in the country.

Similarly, one of the LSOA's within the Dane Valley Ward is the 8th most deprived within Kent (423rd nationally) and nationally sitting within the top 1.3% of most deprived LSOA's.

The location of the two commissioned sites as highlighted above are in areas of high deprivation and as such have a high level of need for support services. It is believed that there is currently no other available provision that could be in place prior to the contracts ending in March 2024 to support this need in these deprived areas. Continuing to pilot the Family Hub model in these areas, while the model is finalised is critical to ensuring that the deprivation is not compounded and that the Council is able to gain further insights to

aid the development of the model.

**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**

15 December 2023

#### **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**

Millmead Children's Centre Partnership Limited

Dane Valley Rd

Margate

CT9 3RU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £349,840

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15 December 2023

#### **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**

Children and Families Ltd CIC

Seashells Sheerness Children& Families Centre, Rose St

Sheerness

ME12 1AW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £321,775

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

Please note that the date stated in V.2.1 are indicative. At the time of publishing this notice no contracts have as yet been entered in to.

Please note that the contract values published in V.2.4 are for 18 month contracts. The 12 month values are:

Millmead - £233,233.81

Seashells - £214,517.27

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

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

Kent County Council

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