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Contract

Independent Evaluation of the under 18s elements of the Distress Brief Intervention Programme

Scottish Government

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10482

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Independent Evaluation of the under 18s elements of the Distress Brief Intervention Programme

Reference number

637175

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Scottish Government did have a requirement to place a contract with an external service provider for the provision of Independent Evaluation of the under 18s elements of the Distress Brief Intervention Programme..

The contract will be for an initial period of 4 months with the option to extend for an additional 14 months.

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: £139,970

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Scottish Government (SG), on behalf of the Scottish Ministers wanted to commission an evaluation of the Distress Brief Intervention (DBI) for Under 18s. DBI is an intervention designed to improve the response for young people presenting to front line services in distress. This follows on from previous work to develop and evaluate a similar programme in over 18s.

The aim of the work specified here is to provide the Scottish Government and DBI stakeholders with timely, robust information on the implementation, uptake, delivery, and outcomes of the existing programme with young people and to inform subsequent roll out on a wider scale across Scotland.

This specification sets out what is required, provides background information on the DBI for Under 18s programme, and suggestions on method, but bidders may propose alternative methods for carrying out this work within the available budget and timescale.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Understanding the Requirement / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Research Design and Methodology / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Staff Skills and Task Allocation / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Project Management and Risk Assessment / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Ethical Issues / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Cyber Security / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Climate Emergency / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Work First / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

This is a 4 month contract with the Contract start date of 29th November 2023. There will be the opportunity to extend this contract for a

further 14 months at Scottish Ministers discretion

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

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

637175

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

27 November 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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35 Northampton Square

London

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £139,970

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted

The University of Stirling and Children in Scotland will invoice us for 36.7% and 5.8% of the budget in total. Children in Scotland will provide input and expertise based on approaches working with children and young people as part of the qualitative element of the research project, including delivering elements of co-produced research.

Children in Scotland will also support on aspects of delivery with young people, provide input on development of resources, and provide support on keeping young

people safe. UoS will provide overall

supervision of the qualitative young people's interview component of the evaluation.

He will support the overall analysis of the evaluation, contributing a realist evaluation

perspective to the evaluation and informing the evaluation in light of the main DBI

pilot evaluation and the DBI COVID extension pilot findings will provide direct

supervision to the evaluation research fellow and liaison with Children in Scotland they will

collaborate in the analysis of the qualitative interviews and will support defining the research design; recruiting participants; collecting and analysing data; and producing all forms

of dissemination

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Question Scoring Methodology for Award Criteria outlined in invitation to tender and contract

0 Unacceptable Nil or inadequate response. Fails to demonstrate an ability to meet the requirement.

1 Poor Response is partially relevant but generally poor. The response addresses some elements of the

requirement but contains insufficient/limited detail or explanation to demonstrate how the requirement will be

fulfilled.

2 Acceptable Response is relevant and acceptable. The response addresses a broad understanding of the requirement but may lack details on how the requirement will be fulfilled in certain areas.

3 Good Response is relevant and good. The response is sufficiently detailed to demonstrate a good

understanding and provides details on how the requirements will be fulfilled.

4 Excellent Response is completely relevant and excellent overall.

Please note there are minimum requirements concerning Cyber Security for this contract.

Tenderers are also asked to confirm that they will pay staff that are involved in the delivery of services under the contract at least the real

living wage. Tenderers who do not pass these questions will not be subject to Commercial Analysis as a result the tender will not be

considered further.

Bidders must complete the SPD (Scotland) to demonstrate adherence to the Exclusion and Selection Criteria for this procurement.

If there are named subcontractors/technicians upon which the bidder will rely to meet the selection criteria, these named parties must

complete and reattach the SPD Supplier Response Form attached to SPD.

If bidders intend to use a supply chain to deliver the requirements detailed in the Contract Notice, they should confirm they have (or have access to) the relevant supply chain management and tracking systems to ensure a resilient and sustainable supply chain. This will include confirmation that they have the systems in place to pay subcontractors through the supply chain promptly and effectively, and provide evidence when requested of:

a) their standard payment terms

b) $\geq 95\%$ of all supply chain invoices being paid on time (in accordance with the terms of contract) in the last financial year.

If the bidder is unable to confirm (b) they must provide an improvement plan, signed by their Director, which improves the payment performance

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court Sheriff Court House

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom