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Tender

Fostering and Continuing Care Framework

The City of Edinburgh Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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NUTS code

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00290

I.3) Communication

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

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Fostering and Continuing Care Framework

Reference number

CT1432

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 City of Edinburgh Council (the Council) is seeking to establish a multi-provider Framework Agreement of child centred Providers, delivering quality foster and continuing care placements for children and young people who have been assessed as requiring accommodation within a family-based care setting.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Permanent Placements

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation
- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot will provide children and young people with permanent fostering or adoption aged 0-17. Both mainstream and specialist requirements are met on this lot.

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

Mainstream

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 85300000 - Social work and related services
- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot will provide foster care for children and young people aged 0-17

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

Specialist/ Disability

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation
- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot will provide foster care for children and young people with specialist requirements aged 0-17.

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

Short Breaks

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation
- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot will provide children and young people with foster care for short periods of time aged 0-17. Both mainstream and specialist requirements are met on this lot.

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

Continuing Care

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation
- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot will provide young people with Continuing Care Services from the age of 18-21.

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

General yearly turnover & Current Ratio; Employers Liability & Public Liability Insurance; Independent Fostering Agency Registration; Care Inspectorate Registration and Grading; Safeguarding Policy; Disclosure Scotland checks; Health & Safety Policy; Payment of the Real Living Wage; Inclusion of prompt payment; Evidence of awareness of the climate change emergency, Business Continuity related ISO or Business Continuity Plan; Information Commissioners Office Registration.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Procedure involving negotiation

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

This Framework Agreement will be established for longer than 4 years (5 plus 2 plus 1). The longer framework term is beneficial to foster care providers (the market does not vastly fluctuate over the time frame) and allows for more stability of the fostering placements for the children and young people as required. This is linked to the Light Touch Regime.

IV.1.10) Identification of the national rules applicable to the procedure

Information about national procedures is available at:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2015/446>

IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure

Organisations that do not meet the minimum standards as set out in the Single Procurement Document (SPD) may not be taken forward to Stage 2 (Award Criteria) of the evaluation. The Award Criteria is split 70% Quality and 30% Price.

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-019196](#)

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

Date

8 January 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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

It is considered that this requirement is covered under the light touch regime of Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015. 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.

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=783973.

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox facility. A user guide is available at

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx.

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

The Council's Community Benefits Points System will apply to this Framework Agreement, as outlined in the attached Community Benefits Guidance document.

(SC Ref:783973)

Download the ESPD document here:

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=783973

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Sheriff Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

An economic operator that suffers or risks suffering loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or Court of Session. A claim for an ineffectiveness order must be made within 30 days of the Contract Award Notice being published in the Find a Tender Service or within 30 days of the date those who expressed an interest in or otherwise bid for the contract were informed of the conclusion of the contract or in any other case within 6 months from the date on which the contract was entered into.