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Contract

YPO 001166 - Framework for International Recruitment of Social Work Roles and Associated Services

YPO

London Councils

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKE45 - Wakefield

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.ypo.co.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://procontract.due-north.com/register?ReadForm>

I.1) Name and addresses

London Councils

London

Email

Rula.Tripolitaki@londoncouncils.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI - London

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

YPO 001166 - Framework for International Recruitment of Social Work Roles and Associated Services

Reference number

001166

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79600000 - Recruitment services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

YPO are looking for Providers to be appointed onto a Framework Agreement for the provision of the International Recruitment of Social Work Roles and Associated Services. The

Framework is designed to allow YPO to meet the needs of all Local Authorities in the United Kingdom by establishing an agreement where the end customer will place the order with the Provider and the Provider delivers direct to the end customer.

YPO is the lead Public Sector Buying Organisation (PSBO) for this Framework Agreement in collaboration with London Councils, as a group of Public Sector Buying Organisations (PSBO). For further details in respect of London Councils, please see link on page 4 of the Invitation to Tender. All references to 'London Councils' within this Invitation to Tender and all appendices are referring to this organisation.

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: £30,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79610000 - Placement services of personnel

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This is a new Framework being developed by Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation (YPO) in partnership with London Councils (London Councils), supported by the London Innovation & Improvement Alliance (LIIA: LIIA – London Innovation and Improvement Alliance) on behalf

of the Association of Directors of Children's Services (ALDCS). This Framework is being developed for the use of Local Authorities nationally, to support the international recruitment to social work roles and associated services. Please refer to section 1, paragraph 2.1 of the Invitation to Tender for further detail as to the definition of Local Authority and permissible users.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40%

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value/Sustainability / Weighting: 20%

Price - Weighting: 40%

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Framework Agreement will cover the period from 24th June 2025 to 23rd June 2027, with two options to extend for an additional 12 months. The first decision to extend the Framework period will be taken by 24th March 2026 and will be dependent on satisfactory completion of all aspect of the Framework to date, the current market conditions for this category and YPO's contracting structures. The maximum Framework period will therefore be 4 years, from 24th June 2025 to 23rd June 2029 (subject to an annual review, incorporating KPI performance).

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.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

Notice number: [2024/S 000-032919](#)

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

12 June 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 56

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Axis Recruitment Limited

331 Haydn Road

Nottingham

NG5 1DG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF14 - Nottingham

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Frontier Consulting Ltd

National House 60-66, Wardour Street

London

W1F 0TA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Liquid Personnel Limited

9 Appold Street

London

EC2A 2AP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Morgan Hunt UK LTD

3rd Floor Standon House, 21 Mansell Street

London

E1 8AA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Reed Specialist Recruitment

1st Floor Northampton N900, 900 Pavilion Drive

Northampton

NN4 7RG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF24 - West Northamptonshire

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Sanctuary Personnel Ltd

15 Friars Street

Ipswich

IP1 ITD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH14 - Suffolk

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

DANLUKER LIMITED

3 rd Floor, 86-90 Paul Street

London

EC2A 4NE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £30,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The Framework Agreement has been designed for use by Local Authorities (served by YPO as a Central Purchasing Body defined by Section 2, and detailed in Regulation 37 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015). A Local Authority is any authority categorised as a county council, district council, unitary authority, metropolitan district or London Borough and a full list of councils can be found here: List of councils (publishing.service.gov.uk) This list may be updated throughout the duration of this Framework Agreement and any Local Authority included will be permitted to use this Framework Agreement. While the Framework Agreement has been designed for Local Authorities, YPO understands that Local Authorities may establish arms length bodies, such as children's services trusts and those bodies shall also be deemed permissible users of this Framework Agreement.

Other Contracting Authorities (OCA) wishing to utilise the Framework Agreement may do so, in the knowledge that it has been established for Local Authorities. Please see the following link for details: <https://www.ypo.co.uk/about/customers/permissible-users>

YPO will incorporate a standstill period at the point of notification of the award of the contract

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is provided to all bidders. The standstill period will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, and provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract

is entered into. The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who

have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of England and Wales

London

Country

United Kingdom