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Tender

Peninsula Fostering in Independent Fostering Agency Placements

Devon County Council
Plymouth City Council
Torbay Council
Somerset Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Prior information notice with call for competition

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Section I: Contracting authority

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

I.3) Communication

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

www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.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

Peninsula Fostering in Independent Fostering Agency Placements

Reference number

CP2209-22

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 proposed Fostering Framework Agreements will increase the supply of high quality, locally available placements in a family setting. In order to achieve positive outcomes for vulnerable children and young people, there is a focus on supporting placement stability and permanence for children and young people. The Framework Agreement will also aim to achieve improved value for money for placing authorities through greater transparency of pricing and competition through call-off.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Standard Fostering Services

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot is for the delivery of fostering services to be provided by Independent Fostering Agencies (IFAs) for children and young people aged 0-18 years in the care of the Peninsula Authorities. Fostering services means provision of a family home with a foster family where children and young people in our care are supported to achieve the best possible outcomes and have their needs supported. Foster families providing care and support for children and young people identified will be registered with an IFA operating on the Peninsula fostering Framework. Staying Put services and arrangements will be provided for children and young people aged 18 and above.

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

Enhanced Foster Care Services

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot sets out the requirements for the delivery of fostering services to be provided by Independent Fostering Agencies (IFA's) for children and young people aged 0-18 years with complex needs who require support moving from residential care to living with a foster family (Step Forward arrangement); and/ or require a bespoke fostering arrangement to best support their complex needs, which could include a requirement for specialist therapeutic intervention whilst living with a foster family. Once children and young people have been enabled to live with a foster family and it is agreed bespoke and specialist therapeutic support can be decreased, it is expected the child or young person's arrangement will then move to that of a Standard Fostering arrangement.

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

Parent and Child Arrangements

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot sets out the requirements for the delivery of parent and child arrangements, placements and/or assessments. These placements, arrangements or assessments must take place in a fostering household supported by registered foster carers, or in the community, monitored by outreach support delivered by professionals. These placements or arrangements aim to enable parent/s and their child, where it is safe to do so, to have the opportunity to undertake a parenting capacity assessment, whilst being guided and supported by experienced and appropriately skilled foster carers.

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

Family Based Short Break Services

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot sets out the requirements for the delivery of family based short breaks for disabled children and children and young people with SEND aged from 0-18 years. Services will be provided by foster carers supported by Independent Fostering Agencies (IFAs) who are operating on the Peninsula Framework Agreement for fostering services. Children and young people and families supported by these services will be identified by Peninsula Authorities. Peninsula Authorities include: - Devon County Council, Somerset Council, Torbay Council and Plymouth City Council.

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

Emergency Fostering

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Peninsula partnership are looking to develop and co-design emergency fostering with interested Independent Fostering Agencies. This specification has been written with the intention to co-design specific sections and elements with interested providers.

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.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest

Date

20 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.3) Additional information

Bidders are invited to a launch event for this opportunity to familiarise bidders with the tender documentation and process on 9th January 2025 at 14:00 held over Teams.

Interested bidders should e-mail procurementpeople-mailbox@devon.gov.uk, this email address must only be used to arrange attendance at this event.