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## **Funded Early Learning and Childcare in Angus**

Angus Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04b627

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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## **NUTS code**

UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00236](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00236)

## **I.3) Communication**

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

[www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

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

Regional or local authority

## **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Funded Early Learning and Childcare in Angus

Reference number

AC/24/091/SL

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85312110 - Child daycare services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Funded ELC will consist of education and care which is suitable for eligible children, and will take regard of the importance of interactions, spaces and experiences that support their learning and development. Children accessing Funded ELC will be offered a free meal.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

Main site or place of performance

The local authority area of Angus

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

The Invitation to Tender (ITT) document attached to this contract notice describes the procurement.

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Start date

18 August 2025

End date

15 August 2027

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **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

The objectives rules and criteria for participation are set out in the Invitation to Tender (ITT) document attached to this contract notice.

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.1) Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision

Funded ELC will be delivered by individuals who are registered with the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) and who have either achieved or started working towards the benchmark qualification for their role. Funded ELC will also be delivered by Care Inspectorate registered childminders. Although childminders are not required to register with the SSSC, to become a provider of Funded ELC they must have achieved or started to work towards the benchmark qualification equivalent to that of an ELC Practitioner.

The Invitation to Tender (ITT) document attached to this contract notice provides more detail about the requirements.

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

The contract performance conditions are set out in the Invitation to Tender (ITT) document attached to this contract notice.

#### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

#### 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:

Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 determine that a public contract opportunity of this type must be advertised and awarded via Public Contracts Scotland, the light touch regime (LTR) provisions (Regulations 74-76) lend flexibility to the procedure. This flexible framework will be for two school years initially with provision to extend by up to three more school years (1+1+1).

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

Information about national procedures is available at: [www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

#### IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure

The features of the award procedure are set out in the Invitation to Tender (ITT) document attached to this contract notice.

### IV.2) Administrative information

#### IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-036727](#)

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

Date

31 January 2025

Local time

5:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic payment will be used

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

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=786005](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=786005).

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](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>

The Contracting Authority does not intend to include any community benefit requirements in this contract for the following reason:

There are no community benefits for this procurement beyond the direct benefits to eligible children, their parents/carers and the ELC sector and workforce. While the total lifetime value of the flexible framework will exceed GBP 4,000,000 it is anticipated that between 50 and 60 providers will deliver Funded ELC in Angus with individual provider contracts valued at between GBP 10,000 and GBP 2,500,000 over five years. The authority makes no guarantee that Funded ELC will be taken up with any provider. Up take is parent/carer led, with parents/carers selecting their preferred provider from the approved list based on their needs and the needs of their children.

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Download the ESPD document here:

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

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

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