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Planning

Voluntary and Community Sector Infrastructure Services

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04c935

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

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Region code

UKH14 - Suffolk

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.suffolksourcing.uk

I.3) Communication

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

www.suffolksourcing.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Voluntary and Community Sector Infrastructure Services

Reference number

CD1441

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 98133100 - Civic betterment and community facility support services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Market Engagement Event - Friday 10th January 2025 between 10:00 - 11:30

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Volunteer management: Promotion and support through 'Volunteer Suffolk'.

Resource and funding: Sector-wide audits and alignment with health outcomes

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Monitoring and evaluation: Support to improve the sector's impact and service delivery.

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Prospective bidders are advised that the Council will finalise the scope of the procurement opportunity following the market engagement stage.

The Council reserves the right to amend the scope of services based on this process.

For clarification, any dates provided for the proposed procurement are indicative only, and the Council reserves the right to amend this information following confirmation of the procurement timetable.

Full details, including the procurement structure and associated timetable, will be provided in the corresponding Contract Notice.

This request does not constitute a call for competition to procure any services.

This procurement and the subsequent contract will fall under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,848,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75100000 - Administration services
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
- 80500000 - Training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

5 February 2025

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes