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Planning

Market Engagement for a new SEND Alternative Provision Open Framework

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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The Castle

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ36 - Central Hampshire

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.hants.gov.uk

I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/hampshire.aspx/Home>

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

Market Engagement for a new SEND Alternative Provision Open Framework

Reference number

CS25116

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Hampshire County Council wish to create a new open framework for the provision of additional education and supportive services commissioned by Hampshire County Council to pupils in Hampshire who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). EHCP's are for those children (0-16) or young people (16-19) or adults (19-25) with special educational needs who require support beyond that which an educational setting can provide for Children and Young People on SEN support.

The service's primary function is to fulfil the Authority's statutory obligation under the Children & Families Act and SEND Regulations (2014) to assess, meet and review the needs of pupils with Special Educational Needs (SEN), through engagement with families and support professionals.

Under the Children and Families Act 2014 the purpose of an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) is to make special educational provision to meet the special educational needs of the child or young person, to secure the best possible outcomes for them across education, health and social care and, as they get older, prepare them for adulthood.

Examples of supporting services could include tutoring pupils who are in education, providing tutoring or mentoring for pupils who are struggling to engage in education, supporting pupils who are educated other than at school (EOTAS) or working to provide specialist support to aid education placements and children and young people who require a more bespoke education package.

The following services will be in the scope of the Open Framework, with future flexibility to allow these to be changed, if required:

- Tutoring (QTS qualified) in person / online
- Tutoring (non QTS) in person / online
- Specialist teachers in person / online
- Regulated Services supporting education - Therapies (HCPC registered)
- Other services supporting education - Inclusion Support (mentoring / non-registered therapies) in person / online

The requirements cover services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR 2015) and, as such, is not subject to the full regime of the PCR 2015 but is instead governed by the 'Light Touch Regime' contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of PCR 2015 (Regulations 74 to 77).

The Open Framework will be let for an initial period of 4 years and further extensions in flexible periods of to 8 years will be available, taking the maximum length of the Open Framework to 12 years. This framework will operate concurrently with the existing framework SEN Discretionary Payments Open Framework (CS18368) and will eventually replace it.

There will be four information events in January to provide information and engage with existing and interested providers.. This will include a presentation by the SEN Team, a question-and-answer session and an explanation of the tendering process by a member of the Procurement Team. These events will take place online, via Teams, on the following dates:

Monday 20th January, 10:30 - 11:50

Tuesday 21st January, 09:30 - 10:50

Monday 27th January, 14:30 - 15:50

Thursday 30th January, 14:30 - 15:50

Booking attendance will be managed via Intend correspondence. More information on how to book onto one of these events can be found in the Additional Information under Section 11.2.14 of this notice.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80100000 - Primary education services
- 80200000 - Secondary education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ35 - South Hampshire
- UKJ36 - Central Hampshire
- UKJ37 - North Hampshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Hampshire County Council plans to establish a new open framework to provide additional education and supportive services for pupils with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs). These plans cater to children, young people, and adults with special educational needs requiring support beyond what educational settings can offer. The framework aims to meet statutory obligations under the Children & Families Act and SEND Regulations (2014) by assessing, meeting, and reviewing the needs of these pupils through family and professional engagement. Services included in the framework range from in-person and online tutoring (both QTS and non-QTS qualified), specialist teaching, regulated therapies, and inclusion support, with flexibility for future adjustments.

II.2.14) Additional information

For further Information please go to the Council's e-tendering website <https://intendhost.co.uk/hampshire>.

In order to book a place at the event you must first register with In-Tend (if you have not already done so) and express an interest in this project, using reference CS25116.

In-Tend correspondence should be used to notify the Council of delegates names, contact details and the session you wish to attend, which will be held via Teams on the dates below. The closing date to request an invitation to the event is 12:00 on the day preceding the session.

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We recommend that you refer to the e-tendering guidance for suppliers which can be found by clicking on 'Information for Suppliers' at the top of the home page.

Please use this method of communication if you have any questions about this event.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

3 February 2025