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Award

Closing the Gap 2 Ethnically Diverse Communities Support Service

Reading Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

RBC 00002253

Description

RBC are completing a ITT exercise for the provision of Closing the Gap 2 Ethnically Diverse Communities Support Service - To act as the strategic lead for Reading organisations supporting ethnically diverse communities; promoting joint working, expanding outreach initiatives and addressing inequalities through community support provision which improves wellbeing and health outcomes. Full details of the requirement can be found in the Specification in Annexe 1. Services under the Closing the Gap programme are commissioned in line with RBC's Council Strategy, Health and Wellbeing Strategy, Poverty Needs Analysis and the Berkshire Joint Strategic Needs Analysis, and focus on community-based, preventative work. These services are commissioned to reduce differences around healthy life expectancy, reduce health inequalities and contribute to long-term change.

Suppliers that would like to take part in this process are invited to "Express Interest" upon

which they will be given access to the full documentation delivered through this portal. Documents can be accessed from the "My Tenders" area of this website by selecting the "View Details" button for the project.

Expressions of interest will only be accepted until 27/05/2025.

Any questions relating to this opportunity should be made via the correspondence link on this portal.

Contract 1. Closing the Gap 2 Ethnically Diverse Communities Support Service

Supplier

- [ALLIANCE FOR COHESION AND RACIAL EQUALITY LIMITED](#)

Contract value

- £272,000 excluding VAT
- £340,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Award decision date

28 July 2025

Earliest date the contract will be signed

1 September 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 November 2025 to 31 October 2028
- Possible extension to 31 October 2030
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

2 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85300000 - Social work and related services
- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

Information about tenders

- 2 tenders received
- 1 tender assessed in the final stage:
 - 1 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

- 1 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Special regime

Light touch

Supplier

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- Companies House: 08248194

344 Oxford Road

Reading

RG301AF

United Kingdom

Email: george.mathew@acre-reading.org

Region: UKJ11 - Berkshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

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Contracting authority

Reading Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWBJ-9435-VXQQ

Bridge Street

Reading

RG1 2LU

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Email: pchub@reading.gov.uk

Region: UKJ11 - Berkshire

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government