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Award

Closing the Gap 2 Visual Impairment Support Service

Reading Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

RBC 00002251

Description

RBC are completing a ITT exercise for the provision of Closing the Gap 2 Visual Impairment Support Service - Offer person centred, tailored support to adults who live with sight loss, with a focus on information and advice and increased social interaction, improved wellbeing and reduced social isolation and loneliness. 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 Visual Impairment Support Service

Supplier

- [BERKSHIRE COUNTY BLIND SOCIETY](#)

Contract value

- £256,000 excluding VAT
- £320,000 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

- 1 tender 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

BERKSHIRE COUNTY BLIND SOCIETY

- Companies House: 07977903

Midleton House

Reading

RG15LR

United Kingdom

Email: office@berkshirevision.org.uk

Region: UKJ11 - Berkshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Contract 1. Closing the Gap 2 Visual Impairment Support Service

Contracting authority

Reading Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWBJ-9435-VXQQ

Bridge Street

Reading

RG1 2LU

United Kingdom

Email: pchub@reading.gov.uk

Region: UKJ11 - Berkshire

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government