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Contract

External Tuition - Kent County Council (KCC) and Medway Council

Kent County Council

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-047564

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03adb7

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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Buyer's address

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Local Authority

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

External Tuition - Kent County Council (KCC) and Medway Council

Reference number

DN651951

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Purchasing Framework for External Tuition for Special Education Needs (SEN), KCC and Medway Council and Virtual Schools Kent (VSK) External Tuition and Mentoring Services.

Kent County Council (KCC) and Medway Council have a statutory responsibility under The Education Act 1996 to provide education for all children and young people (CYP) until the age of 19, or 25 for those with Education Health Plan (EHCP). Associated legislation includes The Children and Families Act 2014, the SEN Code of Practice (2015), the Equality Act 2010 and The Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Regulations 2014.

Within this statutory framework, KCC is seeking to establish a purchasing framework for those children and young people (CYP) that do not meet the criteria/or capacity has been reached with our inhouse service (The Education Programme) for short-term tuition for students with EHCP.

This work is taking place as a result of the Ofsted and Care Quality Commission (CQC) joint review of SEND provision for Kent CYP and the resulting of an Accelerated Programme Plan (AAP).

Medway Council has also highlighted the need for the council to implement a purchasing framework. This will enable the council greater oversight over the quality of education, inclusive practice, outcomes, and accomplishments for all CYP in Medway.

Together, Medway and Kent working in partnership will ensure there is a robust

governance and assurance process in place which provides a joint review to guarantee that Medway and Kent CYP receive quality tutoring and value for money from commissioned providers.

Virtual School Head Teachers (VSHs) are responsible for promoting the educational achievement of all the children looked after by the local authority they work for.

Kent Children in Care (CiC) aged from 3 to 18 years of age are supported by Virtual School Kent (VSK). Pupil Premium Plus funding (PP+) or Early Years Pupil Premium funding (EYPP) can be used to pay for activities that will: -

- Improve the learning targets in children's Personal Education Plans (PEPs).
- Encourage CiC to be more involved and interested in their education.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £6,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Kent County Council Special Educational Needs (SEN)

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Service Delivery standards / Weighting: 50

Quality criterion - Name: Engagement and Consultation with Children and Young People / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Medway Council

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

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II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Virtual School Kent (VSK)

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

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Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the setting up of a dynamic purchasing system

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2023/S 000-033073](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

SC220315

Lot No

1

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 July 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 49

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ackerman Pierce

Surbiton

KT6 4NS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Active Outreach Services

Horndean

PO8 0BT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Beeline Behaviour Change

Folkestone

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Education Family Wellbeing Services

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Fresh Start in Education

Canterbury

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Parity Education

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Randstad Education

Luton

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Pyramid Project

Sheerness

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Zik Expert

Chatham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

EM Skills Enterprise

Ongar

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Eton Academy

Salford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

First Star Scholars

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

MHR Tuition

Luton

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Primary to GCSE Tutoring

Worth

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Medic Mind T/A Study Mind

Northwood

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £6,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

SC220315

Lot No

2

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 July 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 49

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

PLYTIME Learning

Cheshire

Country

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Randstad Education

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Selected Restricted Procedure, otherwise could not advance. However, is actually an Open Procedure under The Light Touch Regime.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Kent County Council

Sessions House

Maidstone

ME14 1XQ

Country

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