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Tender

Community and Accommodation Based Support Framework (CABS)

Gloucestershire County Council

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Scope

Reference

DN759810

Description

Community and Accommodation Based Support Framework (CABS) for Gloucestershire County Council.

The services are for the provision of safe Community and Accommodation Based Support services for people in vulnerable circumstances.

The upper limit for the full term of the new CABS framework is £200M ex VAT (£110m for Gloucester County Council and an anticipated spend of £90m for partner organisations).

Commercial tool

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

Total value (estimated)

- £200,000,000 excluding VAT
- £240,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 December 2025 to 30 November 2028
- Possible extension to 30 November 2033
- 8 years

Description of possible extension:

3 years plus option to extend for 5 years (3+5 = 8 years)

This is an 8-year Framework.

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

To be confirmed

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

Contract locations

- UKK13 - Gloucestershire

Lot constraints

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

Award criteria is the same for Lot 1 and Lot 2, based on a quality, price and social value score.

Lot 1. Community Based Support

Description

Under this Lot, Providers will be commissioned to deliver support services for individual service users to remain living independently and safely in their homes as described in the overarching Framework Specification and Lot 1- Supplementary Community Based Service Specification

Lot value (estimated)

- £100,000,000 excluding VAT
- £120,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Accommodation Based Support

Description

Under this Lot, Providers will be commissioned to deliver accommodation-based support for the specific purpose of preparing service users for independent living as described in the overarching Framework Specification and Lot 2- Supplementary Accommodation Based Service Specification.

Lot value (estimated)

- £100,000,000 excluding VAT
- £120,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Open framework scheme end date (estimated)

1 December 2033

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

This procurement exercise is being conducted under an open framework model, as defined by the UK Procurement Act 2023 section 49.

An open framework is a flexible procurement arrangement that allows for the award of successive frameworks on substantially the same terms over a period of up to eight (8) years. Unlike traditional frameworks, this model is designed to be reopened at least twice during its lifetime, the first time within the first 3 years of its life and at least every 5 years thereafter. This enables:

- New suppliers to apply and join the framework at designated intervals
- Existing suppliers to refresh their pricing or service offerings
- Public sector buyers to access a continually updated and competitive supplier base
- All suppliers admitted to the framework will operate under the same terms and conditions throughout its duration

Suppliers are encouraged to consider this structure when preparing their submissions, as future opportunities to join or update participation will be available during the framework's lifecycle.

The Open Framework will remain active for a period of 8 years, during which it will be reopened periodically to allow new suppliers to join. The indicative schedule for reopening is as follows:

2.2 Initial Opening Date: 1st September 2025

Reopening Scheme Planned Opening Date Notes

Successive Framework 1 1st May 2028

Successive Framework 2 1st May 2030

The Contracting Authority reserves the right to adjust the indicative reopening schedule in response to operational requirements. Any changes will be communicated transparently and with sufficient notice via the channels outlined in Section 2.3

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Cheltenham Borough Council

Cotswold District Council

Gloucester City Council

Forest of Dean District Council

Stroud District Council

Tewkesbury Borough Council and the local

Integrated Care Board (ICB) and Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC).

Contracting authority location restrictions

- UKK13 - Gloucestershire

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Community Based Support

Lot 2. Accommodation Based Support

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

6 October 2025, 11:00am

Tender submission deadline

6 October 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

11 November 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality to include social value	Quality	70%
Price	Quality to include social value	Price	30%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

Engagement carried out prior to PA23 Notice requirements

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk/>

Contracting authority

Gloucestershire County Council

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