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Contract

## **Provision of Nursery Operator Services**

Orkney Islands Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract award notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00369](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00369)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Provision of Nursery Operator Services

Reference number

OIC/PROC/1806

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80110000 - Pre-school education services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Orkney Islands Council seeks submissions from providers / concessionaires who are interested in providing up to 51 places for children aged 0-5 years old, within a newbuild Council owned purpose built nursery setting.

0-5 childcare

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85312110 - Child daycare services
- 80110000 - Pre-school education services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM65 - Orkney Islands

Main site or place of performance

Kirkwall

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Orkney currently has no private or third sector nursery provider. The council has been running a small temporary day care service for children aged 0-3 since August 2021 in an effort to meet the childcare needs of working families.

In June 2020, Orkney Islands Council agreed to build a new 51 place 0-5 nursery provision next UHI Orkney in Kirkwall. It was agreed that the running of this provision would be tendered, creating a new opportunity for an interested operator. With the building project entering the next phase, with an anticipated completion of Mid April 2025, the newly built nursery will be, fit for purpose, high quality, and have impactful learning environments. The new service will replace an emergency childcare provision for children aged 0-3 operated by the council out of temporary premises. The provider will deliver the service in the setting and will provide childcare for children aged 0-5 with the option of being in partnership with the Local Authority to provide funded early learning and childcare for eligible children aged 2-5.

The services will be registered with the Care Inspectorate as day care of children services.

The contract will be a concession contract for a period of four (4) years with the option of four one-year extensions.

#### **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.2.14) Additional information**

The contract will be for an initial 4 yr term with 4 x 12 months extensions available at the sole discretion of the Authority. The estimated value has been updated from original estimate in the Prior Information Notice and now based on existing level of fees for the Authority's interim nursery, however it will be up to individual bidders to decide on fees to be charged upon successful award.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Form of procedure**

Restricted procedure

#### **IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure**

To be detailed in the tender documentation.

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2025/S 000-010244](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

A contract/lot is awarded: No

### **V.1) Information on non-award**

The contract/lot is not awarded

Other reasons (discontinuation of procedure)

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Please note that this is a restricted procurement procedure which means that following the evaluation of the completed SPD, successful bidders will be issued with the Invitation to Tender Documentation at Stage Two of the process. Bidders will be provided with details of the service to be provided and bidders will be required to submit a detailed proposal in response. Orkney Islands Council reserves the right to cancel the procurement at any stage and not award a Contract, the expenditure, work or effort undertaken by bidders prior to the award of any Contract is accordingly a matter solely for the commercial judgement of bidders. Late tenders will not be considered by the Council and all questions are to be submitted via the Questions and Answers section of this contract advertisement on PCS, An economic operator that suffers, or risks suffering, loss or damage attributable

to a breach of duty under the Concession Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2016 may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or Court of Session.

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#### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

##### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Kirkwall Sheriff Court

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##### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

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**VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

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