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Tender

Quality Funded Early Learning and Childcare (1140 Hours)

Dundee City Council

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-070536

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0470fe

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.dundeecity.gov.uk

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00220

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Quality Funded Early Learning and Childcare (1140 Hours)

Reference number

C&F/ELC/REOPENING/NOV25

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85312110 - Child daycare services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Dundee City Council invites bid submissions from suitably qualified and experienced providers to supplement its existing framework (Contract Reference: C&F/ELC/MAIN/25) for Quality Funded Early Learning and Childcare. This opportunity ensures that all eligible children residing in Dundee can access their entitlement to 1140 hours of funded Early Learning and Childcare.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £25,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Early Learning and Childcare for Eligible 3-5 Year olds

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

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

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To support its own services and existing framework providers under Framework C&F/ELC/MAIN/25 (Quality Funded Early Learning and Childcare), Dundee City Council will re-open the framework to new providers using the flexibility of the Light Touch Regime under Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations.

Scope of Lot 2:

Provision of funded Early Learning and Childcare for eligible 3–5-year-old children. Children become eligible on the first day of the school term following their third birthday.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Start date

5 January 2026

End date

18 August 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Early Learning and Childcare for eligible 2 Year Olds

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

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

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

Main site or place of performance

Dundee

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To support its own services and existing framework providers under Framework C&F/ELC/MAIN/25 (Quality Funded Early Learning and Childcare), Dundee City Council will re-open the framework to new providers using the flexibility of the Light Touch Regime under Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations.

Scope of Lot 1:

Provision of funded Early Learning and Childcare for eligible 2-year-old children where either:

The parent or carer is in receipt of specified benefits; or

The child or parent has experienced care.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Start date

5 January 2026

End date

18 August 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.1) Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision

All ELC providers are required to demonstrate that they meet the National Standard for Early Learning and Childcare before they can access funding to deliver the funded hours, whether they are in the public, private or third sectors or are childminders.

The Invitation to Tender (ITT) document attached to this contract notice provides more detail about the requirements.

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

Performance conditions

The following Mandatory conditions must be met:

1. The Service Providers must be able to meet the National Standards criteria - Good or Above.
2. Service Providers must be registered with the Care Inspectorate as a Day Care of Children Service or a Childminding Service

The Invitation to Tender (ITT) document attached to this contract notice provides more detail of the contract conditions and requirements.

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

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: [2025/S 000-018328](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

8 December 2025

Local time

9:00am

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

8 December 2025

Local time

9:30am

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Social Care Contracts Team

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

Providers are strongly advised to prepare their submission in advance to avoid delays or rejection. This includes:

Completing all questions in the eligibility questionnaire.

Ensuring the Single Procurement Document (SPD) is fully completed.

Uploading all required evidence and supporting documents (e.g., Care Inspectorate registration)

Incomplete submissions or missing documentation may result in delays in evaluation or rejection of the application.

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=814521.

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https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx.

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

The Contracting Authority does not intend to include a sub-contract clause as part of community benefits (as per Section 25 of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014) in this contract for the following reason:

It is not applicable for this contract.

The Contracting Authority does not intend to include any community benefit requirements in this contract for the following reason:

Community benefits requirements have not been included because the nature of the services—funded Early Learning and Childcare delivered by multiple small and medium-sized providers—makes it impractical to impose additional community benefit obligations without creating a disproportionate burden. The primary purpose of this framework is to deliver statutory funded hours for eligible children, which in itself provides significant social and economic benefit to the local community.

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Download the ESPD document here:

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=814521

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Dundee Sheriff Court House

6 West Bell Street

Dundee

DD1 9AD

Country

United Kingdom