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Award

IA3595

Staffordshire County Council

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Scope

Reference

Statutory Advocacy Service

Description

The Authority is commissioning a Statutory

Advocacy Service for the provision of a range of statutory advocacy services.

The Supplier will deliver a Service that reflects the key principles of:

- making use of digital.
- recognising the benefits of strength-based and

asset-based approaches to improving health and wellbeing, promoting independence and building community capacity.

- targeting and supporting those with greatest need.
- encouraging Individuals to build their skills and confidence to self-advocate
- adopt lean and flexible working practices in order to maximise service reach
- demonstrate continual learning and share best practice through local partnerships and forums.

The total estimated value (without VAT) for the contract period including extension period is £1,977,453. A tender submission received that exceeds the Maximum Total Annual Budget of £659,151 for either year 1,2 or 3 and the Contract value of £1,977,453 would be REJECTED.

The service to be procured as a competitive tender using the open procedure is classed as a Light

Touch Contract under the Procurement Act 2023.

A supplier "bidders day" was held on Wednesday 27 August 2025 at 10.30am - 12.00 noon, via Microsoft Teams and gave suppliers an opportunity to ask Procurement and/or the Commissioning area questions in relation to the procurement process.

Suppliers were requested to have familiarised

themselves with the Tender Documents prior to this event to avoid duplicating questions raised previously and already answered. Where a supplier was unable to attend, information was shared via an e-tendering Proactis post, shortly after the event.

This included any questions asked and their respective answers.

Suppliers were still be able to submit pre-tender clarifications after the event in line with the process outlined in the IA3595 ITT

Procurement Pack.

Contract 1. IA3595 Statutory Advocacy Service

Supplier

- ASIST.

Contract value

- £1,977,453 excluding VAT
- £2,372,944 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

27 November 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

27 November 2025

Standstill period

- End: 10 December 2025
- 9 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

16 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2029
- 3 years

Description of possible extension:

The contract will commence on 1 April 2026 and, subject to earlier termination in accordance with its terms, will continue until midnight on 31 March

2028. At the Authority's entire discretion, the term may be extended by 12 months to the 31 March 2029 on the same terms for such period in accordance with the contract.

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

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CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC
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Information about tenders

- 5 tenders received
- 5 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 4 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 1 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 4 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Supplier

ASIST.

- Companies House: 03068125
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVWT-3923-BPZT

Winton House

Stoke On Trent

ST4 2RW

United Kingdom

Email: ruth.plant@asist.co.uk

Website: <http://www.asist.co.uk>

Region: UKG23 - Stoke-on-Trent

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

Staffordshire County Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government