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Contract

Provision of Early Learning and Childcare Services

Argyll and Bute 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=AA00063

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of Early Learning and Childcare Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80110000 - Pre-school education services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Argyll and Bute Council invites providers to submit an application to provide Early Learning and Childcare Services. Applications available from Samantha.Torrie@argyll-bute.gov.uk.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Partner Providers - Early Learning and Childcare Centres

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80110000 - Pre-school education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM63 - Lochaber, Skye & Lochalsh, Arran & Cumbrae and Argyll & Bute
- UKM81 - East Dunbartonshire, West Dunbartonshire and Helensburgh & Lomond

Main site or place of performance

Argyll and Bute

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Procurement of funded Early Learning and Childcare places from ELC Centres in Argyll and Bute.

Funded early learning and childcare (ELC) is available to all three and four year olds and eligible two year olds.

Any resulting contracts will be for 1140 hours per child, per annum.

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

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

Interested parties are asked to contact Samantha.Torrie@argyll-bute.gov.uk for an application pack.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Partner Providers - Early Learning and Childcare Services Childminders

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80110000 - Pre-school education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM63 - Lochaber, Skye & Lochalsh, Arran & Cumbrae and Argyll & Bute

- UKM81 - East Dunbartonshire, West Dunbartonshire and Helensburgh & Lomond

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Procurement of funded Early Learning and Childcare places from ELC partner childminders in Argyll and Bute.

Funded early learning and childcare (ELC) is available to all three and four year olds and eligible two year olds.

Any resulting contracts will be for 1140 hours per child, per annum.

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

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Community Childminding Services

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85312110 - Child daycare services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM63 - Lochaber, Skye & Lochalsh, Arran & Cumbrae and Argyll & Bute
- UKM81 - East Dunbartonshire, West Dunbartonshire and Helensburgh & Lomond

Main site or place of performance

Argyll and Bute

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Procurement of Community Childminding Services as described by the Scottish Childminding Association.

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

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

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Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.10) Identification of the national rules applicable to the procedure

Information about national procedures is available at:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2015/446/contents/made>

IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure

Please contact Samantha.Torrie@argyll-bute.gov.uk for an application pack which contains all details.

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2020/S 134-331442](#)

IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

Title

Partner Providers - Early Learning and Childcare Centres

A contract/lot is awarded: No

V.1) Information on non-award

The contract/lot is not awarded

Other reasons (discontinuation of procedure)

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

Partner Providers - Early Learning and Childcare Services Childminders

A contract/lot is awarded: No

V.1) Information on non-award

The contract/lot is not awarded

Other reasons (discontinuation of procedure)

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

3

Title

Community Childminding Services

A contract/lot is awarded: No

V.1) Information on non-award

The contract/lot is not awarded

Other reasons (discontinuation of procedure)

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This is a flexible framework to which new providers can be added at any time. The deadline and dates on this notice are necessary to conclude the procurement process but it does not prohibit contract awards to additional providers at any stage during the contract term. New providers can request an application pack at any time.

The services described are described as they would be expected if there was no impact on services from the Covid-19 pandemic. Argyll and Bute Council will monitor the situation along with any guidance or requirements from the Scottish Govt and the expectation of service delivery may change.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Oban Sheriff Court

Oban

Country

United Kingdom