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Contract

VCFSE Infrastructure Services

Suffolk County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04dc2a

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

VCFSE Infrastructure Services

Reference number

CD1441

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 98133100 - Civic betterment and community facility support services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Suffolk County Council is committed to supporting a thriving Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) sector in the county to enable it to continue providing key services for the people of Suffolk. The Council intends to procure an infrastructure support service for the VCFSE sector starting on 1st October 2025. The contract period will be for 3 years (1st October 2025 – 30th September 2028) with the option to extend for up to a further 3 years. The maximum total contract value (including the extension period) is £1,848,000 excluding VAT. The submission deadline is 10th March 2025 at 12noon. Please note this procurement and the subsequent contract will fall under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £1,848,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 90%

Cost criterion - Name: Charges (Finance) / Weighting: 10%

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 IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

CD1441

Title

VCFSE Infrastructure Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 November 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Community Action Suffolk

Brightspace, 160 Hadleigh Road

Ipswich

IP2 0HH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH14 - Suffolk

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £1,848,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,848,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Suffolk County Council

Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road

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