

United Kingdom-Newcastle Upon Tyne: Health and social work services
OJ S 188/2019 30/09/2019
Contract award notice
Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Newcastle City Council
Town: Newcastle Upon Tyne
NUTS code: UKC22 Tyneside
Postal code: NE1 8BQ
Country: United Kingdom
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Internet address(es):
Main address: www.nepoportal.org

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: The Borough Council of Gateshead
Town: Gateshead
NUTS code: UKC22 Tyneside
Postal code: NE8 1HH
Country: United Kingdom
Contact person: Lucy Peart
E-mail: lucypeart@gateshead.gov.uk
Internet address(es):
Main address: www.nepoportal.org

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: The County Council of Durham
Town: Durham
NUTS code: UKC14 Durham CC
Postal code: DH1 5UL
Country: United Kingdom
Contact person: Lindsey Herring
E-mail: lindsey.herring@durham.gov.uk
Internet address(es):
Main address: www.nepoportal.org

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: The Council of the Borough of North Tyneside
Town: North Tyneside
NUTS code: UKC22 Tyneside
Postal code: NE27 0BY
Country: United Kingdom
Contact person: Rebecca Bacon

E-mail: rebecca.bacon@northtyneside.gov.uk

Internet address(es):

Main address: www.nepoportal.org

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Northumberland County Council

Town: Morpeth

NUTS code: UKC21 Northumberland

Postal code: NE61 2EF

Country: United Kingdom

Contact person: Lynn Bryden

E-mail: Lynn.Bryden@northumberland.gov.uk

Internet address(es):

Main address: www.nepoportal.org

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: South Tyneside Borough Council

Town: South Shields

NUTS code: UKC22 Tyneside

Postal code: NE33 2RL

Country: United Kingdom

Contact person: Jamie Brown

E-mail: jamie.brown@southtyneside.gov.uk

Internet address(es):

Main address: www.nepoportal.org

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Together for Children Sunderland Ltd

Town: Sunderland

NUTS code: UKC23 Sunderland

Postal code: SR2 7DN

Country: United Kingdom

Contact person: Emma Stuart

E-mail: Emma.Stewart@togetherforchildren.org.uk

Internet address(es):

Main address: www.nepoportal.org

I.2. Information about joint procurement

The contract involves 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

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement

II.1.1. Title

II.1.2. Main CPV code

85000000 Health and social work services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

Newcastle City Council ('the Lead Authority') is acting as the lead authority on behalf of the North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO) and its member authorities, in respect of the procurement of a bespoke flexible procurement solution (FPS) known as a flexible procurement agreement (the Contract) for provision of independent fostering services for looked after children.

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.7. Total value of the procurement

Value excluding VAT: 43 500 000,00 GBP

II.2. Description

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

Placements in independent foster care services. The child/young person may or may not be subject of a care order (section 31 of the Children 1989) and in which case the local authority will have parental responsibility or the local authority is satisfied that the child/young person is in need of accommodation under (section 20 of the Children Act 1989), in which case the local authority will not have parental responsibility for the child/young person. An unlimited number of independent fostering agencies will be appointed to the solution from across the UK but it is anticipated that most placements will be made in the North of England.

The opportunity can be accessed via the NEPO eTender system. Suppliers wishing to be considered for this flexible procurement agreement must register their expression of interest and submit a tender through the NEPO eTender system. If not already registered, tenderers should register on the NEPO eTender system at <https://procontract.due-north.com/register?openform>

Tenders must be submitted using the link above. Tenders submitted via postal or email methods will not be accepted. If you require time-critical assistance on submitting your tender please contact the system support team on 0330 0050352. For non-time critical issues, such as passwords, general account queries and location of information, etc. please contact proactis supplier support helpdesk ticketing system (<http://proactis.kayako.com>) and select ProContract V3 support. You will then need to log in or submit a ticket to register your issue. Alternatively, you can email ProContractSuppliers@proactis.com this will automatically log a support ticket on the proactis supplier support helpdesk. Successful suppliers will enter into a flexible procurement agreement in a form which is set out in the procurement documents. The lead authority does not give any guarantee and/or warrant the actual value of the goods/works /services (if any) which will be placed with the successful suppliers by any participating authorities using the flexible procurement agreement pursuant to this process and accepts no liability thereof.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

II.2.11. Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options:

1 x 12 month option to extend available following initial contract term.

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

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

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 in the OJ S: [2019/S 132-324583](#)

IV.2.8. Information about termination of dynamic purchasing system

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

Section V: Award of contract

Contract No: 006050

Title:

NEPO Provision of Independent Fostering Services (NE7)

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2. Award of contract

V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

09/09/2019

V.2.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 9

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 7

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: 9
The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no

V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: Acorn House Fostering Services Ltd
Town: Manchester
NUTS code: UKD3 Greater Manchester
Postal code: OL8 4QQ
Country: United Kingdom
The contractor is an SME: yes

V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot

Total value of the contract/lot: 43 500 000,00 GBP

V.2.5. Information about subcontracting

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V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: Foster Care Solutions
Town: Durham
NUTS code: UKC14 Durham CC
Postal code: DH2 1AN
Country: United Kingdom
The contractor is an SME: yes

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Official name: Fostering Solutions Ltd

Town: Manchester

NUTS code: UKD3 Greater Manchester

Postal code: BL2 1BX

Country: United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME: yes

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Official name: Reech Out Care
Town: Durham
NUTS code: UKC14 Durham CC
Postal code: DL5 7ER
Country: United Kingdom
The contractor is an SME: yes

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V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: St Cuthberts Care
Town: Newcastle Upon Tyne
NUTS code: UKC22 Tyneside
Postal code: NE15 7PY
Country: United Kingdom
The contractor is an SME: no

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V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: Swiis International Ltd

Town: London

NUTS code: UKI London

Postal code: W1G 9RE

Country: United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME: yes

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V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: The Fostering Company

Town: Newcastle Upon Tyne

NUTS code: UKC22 Tyneside

Postal code: NE12 5UJ
Country: United Kingdom
The contractor is an SME: yes

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V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: The National Fostering Agency Ltd

Town: London

NUTS code: UKI London

Postal code: UB8 2AE

Country: United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME: no

V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot

Total value of the contract/lot: 43 500 000,00 GBP

V.2.5. Information about subcontracting

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3. Additional information

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: Newcastle City Council

Town: Newcastle Upon Tyne

Country: United Kingdom

VI.4.2. Body responsible for mediation procedures

Official name: Newcastle City Council

Town: Newcastle Upon Tyne

Country: United Kingdom

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

26/09/2019