

Buyer: Kent County Council

Title: SS15087 - Community Day Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities

Summary:

The Opportunity

Kent County Council is looking to build on the framework agreement that is in place to provide a wide range of Community Day Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities, aged 16 and over, living with a learning disability (including people with higher ability, which may include people with autistic spectrum conditions) and/or physical disability, and people with sensory impairments (D/deaf, deafblind and visually impaired people).

The framework agreement commenced on 10 April 2017, and will run for a period of 48 months, expiring 09 April 2021. New providers have the opportunity to join the framework at points throughout its lifetime, but in any case, the expiry date of the framework agreement shall be 09 April 2021. These points shall be 6, 12, 24 and 36 months, and this is the opportunity for providers to join the framework in April 2020 – 36 months into the contract.

Please be aware that the expiry date of the framework agreement is 09 April 2021; the Community Day Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities contract will then be re-tendered, and this contract will be advertised for providers to apply. Therefore, this opportunity to join the framework agreement shall be for a 12-month period only.

Community Day Opportunities support individuals to participate in their local and wider communities through six Lots; enhancing effective personal support networks, enabling individuals to maintain healthy lifestyles and to lead independent and fulfilled lives. The opportunities offered must be suitable for individuals with a range of needs, including individuals with complex needs, behaviours that challenge and physical and sensory disabilities.

This framework agreement is procured as 6 lots, as follows;

- 1a) Promoting Wellbeing Service for Individuals with Learning Disabilities
 - 1b) Promoting Wellbeing Service for Individuals with Physical Disabilities (including Sensory and Autism, in the absence of a Learning Disability)
 - 2a) Promoting Independence Service for Individuals with Learning Disabilities
 - 2b) Promoting Independence Service for Individuals with Physical Disabilities (including Sensory and Autism, in the absence of a Learning Disability)
 - 3) Employment Support Service
 - 4) Additional Support Service
- Additional Element - Transport

Kent County Council gives no guarantee as to the level of any work a provider may receive under this framework agreement.

Background

Kent County Council (the Council) is the largest county council in England covering an area of 3,500 square kilometres. It has an annual expenditure of

over £1bn on goods and services and a population of 1.48m. The Council provides a wide range of personal and strategic services on behalf of its residents, operating in partnership with 12 district councils and 289 parish/town councils.

Further background and technical information can be found within the tender documentation.

Expression of Interest and Tender Process

Expressions of interest will only be accepted via the Kent Business Portal. In order to submit your interest in this opportunity please select the 'Login and Express an Interest' button located at the bottom of this page. Note that in order to successfully submit your interest you will first need to register for an account. After registration is complete and you've received your login details you should return to the advert for the opportunity and express your interest.

You will then be emailed an invitation to submit a tender. Further guidance regarding how to use this portal can be found attached to the bottom of this advert.

Indicative Procurement Timetable

Proposed Procurement Timetable	
Publication of Kent Business Portal advert and OJEU notice	24 January 2020
Publication of ITT Documentation on the Kent Business Portal	24 January 2020
Deadline to submit requests for clarification via the ProContract Discussion facility	17 February 2020 12:00 noon
Deadline for Tender Responses	24 February 2020 10:00am
Tender Evaluation	End February 2020
Contract Award	Mid-March 2020
Contract Preparation	Mid-March 2020
Contracts Issued	Late March 2020
Contract Commencement Date	Early April 2020

Questions and Communication

Please direct all questions and communication through the Kent Business Portal via the discussions facility.