

Portal Contract Reference: DN359300
Internal Contract Reference: CS5387
Contract Title: Semi-Independent Living Framework
Initial Contract Duration: 36 months
Extensions: no extensions
Estimated Contract Value: £9,249,000
Estimated Contract Value Lot 1: £4,800,000
Estimated Contract Value Lot 2: £2,622,000
Estimated Contract Value Lot 3: £1,827,000

Description:

The London Borough of Tower Hamlets (Tower Hamlets) would like to invite organisations to bid via a competitive tender to become accepted providers of the Tower Hamlets Semi-Independent Living (SIL) Framework.

Successful providers will have achieved the required quality assurances as set out by Tower Hamlets through the submission of quality assessed method statements. Providers will also submit a framework cost for each placement they are able to provide to Tower Hamlets, this will ensure the brokerage of placements is agreed for the duration of the framework and not negotiated on a case by case basis at the point of referral.

Providers successfully being accepted onto the framework will provide accommodation and support to both Looked After Children and Care Leavers (16+). Placements will support children and young people to achieve independence by increasing their life skills, promoting health and wellbeing and securing the safety of children and young people in their care. Framework providers will, through their practise promote placement stability and continuity for children and young people to achieve their goals and aspirations in a safe and secure environment.

The framework will consist out of 3 Lots reflecting the needs of Tower Hamlets looked After/Care Leaver population. Providers are encouraged to bid, either for one, two or all three of the lots:

- **Lot 1:** Accommodation and Support delivered to those exhibiting high and complex needs. Service must be staffed 24/7.
- **Lot 2:** Accommodation and Support delivered to those with medium level of support needs.
- **Lot 3:** Accommodation and Support delivered to Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children.

A supplier briefing will take place on Monday 18th March 2019 between 2:00 pm and 3:30 pm.

Location:

Room MP 702
7th Floor
Mulberry Place, Town Hall,
5 Clove Cres, Poplar,

London E14 2BG

Please contact lkwi.Mkparu@towerhamlets.gov.uk for further information and to register for the event **by Monday 11th March 2019**

Additional Information:

The Authority is issuing this ITT to the Bidders to commence the tender stage of this Procurement Exercise. The purpose of this ITT is to request Bidders submit a Tender with a view to identifying the Most Economically Advantageous Tender which best meets the Council's requirements for the Contract. While Bidders are required to return all documents at the same time in their Tender, the Authority will be evaluating the Selection Questionnaire documents separately to the other documents in the Bidder's Tender.

Bidders should note that the Contract relates to services that fall under the "light touch" regime of Regulations 74 to 77 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. This Procurement Exercise will therefore be run in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as they apply to "light touch" services. While the Authority is following a process similar to the open procedure under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 *neither that fact nor any other statements, acts or omissions of the Authority in connection with this Procurement Exercise should be taken as indicating that the Authority intends to be bound by the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or the general principles of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to any greater extent than applies by law.*

Organisations wishing to express their interest are requested to **register** on the London Tenders Portal (www.londontenders.org) where the opportunity documentation will be available for download. You will be required to complete an online questionnaire.

Organisations must ensure that access to the system is available to their representatives dealing with the contract and that this contact is updated as and when required.

The council will not be liable for the lack of delegated access within the organisation and will not send any documentation regarding the opportunity, which shall be exclusively available through the portal.

Suppliers are responsible for allowing sufficient time to submit their Application. The Council accepts no liability whatsoever for tenders that are not submitted due to internet connectivity issues, transmission delays or errors.

Council is an Equal Opportunities Employer and a supporter of Ethical Governance, our protocol can be found via <http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/>

If you require any further information PRIOR to submit and expression of interest please contact the Council via email procurement@towerhamlets.gov.uk quoting the contract internal reference number.