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## **Westmorland and Furness Council - Any Qualified Provider (AQP) Framework for the provision of Home Care Services**

Westmorland and Furness Council

F02: Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Westmorland and Furness Council

South Lakeland House, Lowther Street, Kendal,

Cumbria

LA9 4DQ

#### **Contact**

Supply Chain Team

#### **Email**

[support@useadam.co.uk](mailto:support@useadam.co.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKD1 - Cumbria

**Companies House**

11730398

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk](http://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk)

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.adamproviders.co.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.sproc.net>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Westmorland and Furness Council - Any Qualified Provider (AQP) Framework for the provision of Home Care Services

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Social care support during the day for people living in their own homes. Main place of delivery will be at the residence of the service user, within the Westmorland and Furness footprint.

Providers who currently have call off contracts on the current Any Qualified Provider (AQP) Framework for the provision of Home Care Services, who successfully join the new framework, will have those call-off contracts transferred.

The AQP Framework is available for use by NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board, and future successor organisations.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £41,100,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKD1 - Cumbria

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

An Any Qualified Provider (AQP) 'framework' is to be set up to meet the needs of Social Care support during the day for people living in their own homes. An AQP framework will ensure sufficient capacity to meet demand for clients in Cumbria.

The AQP 'framework' approach will appoint multiple organisations capable of delivering the specified service. The provider/s will be selected at time of need. They will register an interest to a commission, and selected according to published criteria.

Fixed price per unit, please see procurement documents

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The DPS will run for 24 months with the option to extend for a further 12 months.

Meaning the potential expiry date of this DPS is 31/03/2027

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

## **II.2.14) Additional information**

Please note that the AQP does not limit the number of candidates.

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents which can be found at <https://www.adamproviders.co.uk>

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents which can be found at <https://www.adamproviders.co.uk>

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents which can be found at <https://www.adamproviders.co.uk>

## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Restricted procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

#### **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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

31 March 2027

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Westmorland and Furness Council is fully supportive of all aspects of diversity including ethnicity, race, religion, age, disability and sexual orientation. In this respect Westmorland and Furness Council welcomes expressions of interest from ethnic minority, disabled and other diverse business communities and the voluntary sector. Economic operators are therefore required to fully comply with all statutory obligations/applicable legislation and there will be a requirement to participate in the Authority's supplier audits on all aspects of diversity. The Contracting Authority expressly reserves the right: (I) Not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; and (II) To make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition; and in no circumstances will the Authority be liable for any costs incurred by the candidates. If the Authority decides to enter into a Contract with the successful supplier, this does not mean that there is any guarantee of subsequent contracts being awarded. Any expenditure, work or effort under taken prior to contract award is accordingly a matter solely for the commercial judgement of potential suppliers. The Contract is for 2+1 years. The total value provided is only an estimate. Local Authorities have a duty under the Local Government Act 2003 to obtain best value in the procurement of works, services and supplies and to secure continuous improvement in the way they carry out their functions, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness. This means that when procuring contracts, the Council will, on a case by case basis, weigh up the costs of the contract against the benefits off their employment terms for contractors employees and any resulting benefit to the Council. There is scope for giving some weight at the tender evaluation stage to the attitude of contractors, suppliers and some service providers to fair employment clauses and of the Council's fiduciary duty to tax payers and obtaining best value. Each case will be considered separately and flexibly, with any impact on costs fully assessed and justified.

Please note that AQP does not limit the number of candidates

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1) Review body**

Royal Courts of Justice

Strand

London

WC21 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

**VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Access (adam HTT Limited)

249 Midsummer Boulevard

Milton Keynes

MK9 1EA

Country

United Kingdom