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Our ref: 4523660

Your ref:

Date: 27 June 2019

Dear Nikki Thompson

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am pleased to provide some of the information you have requested.

1: How many organisations were invited to tender?

This opportunity was open to any supplier who was interested in bidding. WCC didn't select any suppliers to bid.

2: How many bidders submitted responses?

Three.

3: Name of all bidders who submitted responses.

Quality Assured Projects (a trading division of Liquid Personnel Ltd)
Reed Specialist Recruitment Ltd
The OT Practice Ltd

4: Rank of all bidders who submitted responses.

1 - Quality Assured Projects (a trading division of Liquid Personnel Ltd)
2 - The OT Practice Ltd
3 - Reed Specialist Recruitment Ltd

5: Where did The OT Practice rank in the scoring process?

See answer to Q4

6: Advantages of the successful bidder compared to other tenderer.

Compared to the other tenders the winner articulated a better, more DoL's specific approach and philosophy to delivering the services and clearly explained and evidenced how they would deliver the outcomes in their specification.

The winner also put forward a more effective reporting structure and better proposals for

the effective management of the service.

The unsuccessful bidders were given feedback as required by the Procurement Regulations however that level of detail contains commercially sensitive material.

7: Final pricing of successful bidder.

The Pricing element required the submission of unit rates which are commercially sensitive. We can confirm that Price was evaluated on a pass/fail basis and bidders were required to submit rates that were below the specified ceiling rates.

These ceiling rates were:

5 to 25 customers £480

25 to 50 customers £470

50 to 100 customers £460

100+ customers £450

The winning supplier submitted rates that were below these ceiling levels.

8: Copy of successful tender.

We consider that the qualified exemption set out in Section 43 (Prejudicial to commercial interests) Therefore, we have decided to withhold the information.

In applying this exemption, we have had to balance the public interest in withholding the information against the interest in favour of disclosure.

Factors in favour of disclosure

- Transparency in respect of how the Council spends public money
- Enabling public scrutiny in ensuring that the Council is securing the best use of public resources.

Factors in favour of withholding

It is not in the public interest if it prevents the local authority getting best value on our contracts, the best service at the best possible price, if it would mean the authority would not be spending public money efficiently.

In all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

9: Expiry date of the awarded contract.

31st March 2020 unless the option is taken to extend the contract - in which case it will be 31st March 2021.

10: Approximate date that the tender will be reissued towards the end of the current contract period.

There are currently no plans to re-tender this contract. The contract was required to remove a backlog of assessments."

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I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours faithfully

Charlotte Mackin
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