

TAMESIDE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF 24-HOUR SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH A LEARNING DISABILITY LIVING IN THEIR OWN HOMES

Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, Community Services, Adult Services is committed to the provision of high quality services to enable people to live in their own homes. We are looking to contract with organisations to:

Provide social care and housing related support within 24-hour supported accommodation for adults with a learning disability living in their own home.

Tameside MBC, are inviting expressions of interest, via a completed PQQ, in the above tender.

Key aims and principles of the service include:

- Provide Person Centred Packages of support to individuals with a learning disability in their own homes which maximises the choice, control and development of their daily lives
- To facilitate opportunities for individuals to engage in purposeful activity giving them valued roles and status as citizens within their community along with opportunities to develop meaningful relationships.
- To embrace constructive and positive risk-taking that is personally meaningful to the individual, their family and friends.
- To work in partnership with specialist and mainstream services, people with learning disabilities and their carers to ensure full involvement in shaping service delivery to meet their needs.

Five separate contracts (lots) are to be awarded as part of this tender:

Lot 1 comprises 7 properties and has a total of 1688 support hours per week.

Lot 2 comprises 7 properties and has a total of 1472 support hours per week.

Lot 3 comprises 8 properties and has a total of 1556 support hours per week.

Lot 4 comprises 6 properties and has a total of 1316 support hours per week.

Lot 5 comprises 5 properties and has a total of 1559 support hours per week.

Short-listed providers will, having been subsequently invited to tender, be asked to cost lots separately, tendering for as many of the five as they wish.

The total maximum first year budget available is in the region of £5.4 million and is yet to be finalised. Those organisations shortlisted will have a final maximum first year budget at invitation to tender stage.

The Council is concerned to ensure that there is some diversity of supply of contractors who are suitably experienced in this area. This is important in the Council's economic interests and helps to ensure business continuity so that should a supplier fail there will be another supplier who can operate in Tameside and ensure that continuity of supply is maintained

Consequently, the five lots have been divided into three bundles as set out below:

Bundle #1 - Area 1 and Area 3

Bundle #2 - Area 2 and Area 4

Bundle #3 - Area 5

Ideally, they will be awarded in this combination. However, the Council reserves the right to alter the composition of the bundles based on affordability and the combination of lots the successful provider(s) has tendered for.

It is the Council's preliminary view that TUPE Regulations may apply when this contract is awarded to a new provider.

It is proposed that the Contract will commence on 01 April 2010 and will run for a period of three years to 31 March 2013. The Council may, subject to approval and re-negotiation, wish to extend the Contract for a further period of up to two additional years.

The award of the contract will be in keeping with a Best Value approach, which will jointly evaluate quality factors and price.

All documentation must be completed and submitted electronically by using Vault through BiPs Delta-ets by the due date of **12 Noon on Friday 4 September 2009**. Invitation to tender packs will follow week commencing 28 September 2009. The closing date for tender submissions for those organisations short-listed is Midday Friday 6 November 2009. Short-listed organisations will be invited to a presentation, week commencing 23 November 2009.

Documents are available via the Delta Suite, go to www.delta-ets.com the tender access code is **04T747564**. If you are experiencing problems, please contact the Delta helpdesk @ helpdesk@delta-ets.com or call 0845 270 7050 for further assistance.

If you are interested in tendering for the above contract but are unsure about the electronic tendering process, please contact in writing to: Kim Greeves, Joint Commissioning & Performance Management Team, Rydal House, Rydal Avenue, Hyde. SK14 4QB or e-mail kim.greeves@tameside.gov.uk.