

Friday 19 November 2010

Invitation for Expressions of Interest to deliver Debt, Housing and Welfare Benefits services in the Access Point of North Northumberland

Although we received some successful bids in our recent tender process, we were unable to award a significant number of NMS to deliver Debt, Housing and Welfare Benefits work in the Access Point of **North Northumberland**, which is located within the Northumberland Procurement Area.

We are considering how to improve the services for clients in this area as soon as possible, and what further tendering activity will be necessary. We are now inviting Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from organisations who would be interested in delivering these services in this Procurement Area under a 2010 Standard Civil Contract.

The number of New Matter Starts available per schedule year will be as detailed below

Debt: 430

Housing: 200

Welfare Benefits: 270

The requirements and scope of the services to be delivered will remain the same as in the recent tender process and you will have to meet them in order to deliver services in the area. The next steps of the process will be announced once any EOIs have been received. We consider that access is poor in Berwick and therefore preference will be given to Organisations that have an established permanent presence in this part of the access point and are ready to deliver services immediately.

To submit your Expression of Interest, please complete the form below and email it to us at civiltenders@legalservices.gsi.gov.uk by **4pm on Friday 3 December**.

The requirements for Debt, Housing and Welfare Benefits can be found in the Information for Applicants (IFA) for Social Welfare Law and Family services and in Annex C of the IFA from the recent tender process, which is available on our website at:

http://www.legalservices.gov.uk/civil/tendering/social_welfare_family.asp

The 2010 Standard Civil Contract Standard Terms and Specification will apply, details of which can be found on our website at:

<http://www.legalservices.gov.uk/civil/8758.asp>

A bespoke Contract for Signature and Schedule will be produced for organisations that are successful in this process.

2010 Standard Civil Contract for publicly funded Debt, Housing and Welfare Benefits services in the Access Point of North Northumberland

Expression of Interest

Please complete the following information to express interest in delivering these services.

Name of Organisation _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

DX Number _____

Telephone No. _____

Email Address _____

1. Please state, from within the available numbers of NMS published above, the volume of NMS in each category you would intend to deliver (note, if you are expressing interest as part of a consortium, please only state the NMS your own organisation would deliver):

Category	Number of NMS
Debt	
Housing	
Welfare Benefits	

2.a. Are you interested in delivering services as part of a consortium? YES/NO

2.b. If YES, please give the names of any consortium partners and the categories which they will deliver:

	Name of organisation	Categories tendering for
Consortium Member 1		
Consortium Member 2		
Consortium Member 3		

3. Did you tender to deliver these services in this Procurement Area and Access Point as part of the recent tender process for the 2010 Standard Civil Contracts?

Signed _____ Date _____

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