TENDER NOTICE

EMC011 – CONTRACT FOR DAY OPPORTUNITIES SERVICES FOR ADULTS WITH A LEARNING DISABILITY AT AVALON, OSWESTRY.

Applicants are invited to tender for the provision of day opportunities services at Avalon Day Opportunity Centre and a range of outreach community based services for Adults with Learning Disabilities in Oswestry for an initial period of five years commencing on 1 April 2015 with an option to extend for a further two years.

The contract will consist of the provision of day services operating from a base within Oswestry at Victoria Road, SY11 2JE and supporting a number of community groups from various locations in the town of Oswestry. Shropshire Council has operated the services in a way that maximises individuals' independence and encourages individuals to use universal non-segregated community based activities. It will be the expectation of any new provider that they continue to operate under this ethos and further enhance and develop community access and integration

Avalon Day Opportunities Centre currently has up to 36 people who use the service between Monday–Friday on a varying number of days. Of these, 13 people are at times supported in the community as described above. The Council is seeking to purchase 130 number of places per week to be used flexibly within the accommodation base and in the local community. Typically a place represents 09.00 to 16.30 Monday to Thursday and 16.00 on a Friday.

The building is on a shared site with other statutory services and was recently refurbished in June 2014 to provide services for people with a range of disabilities.

Please note for the avoidance of doubt the transport to and from the centre is not included in this tendering opportunity. These requirements are likely to be tendered separately after the award of this contract.

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contract, for proposals from contractors that could help provide social value benefits within Shropshire where practicable.

Bidders should note that the Employee 'Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations '2006 ('TUPE') will apply to this contract. Also compliance with the provisions in relation to Local Authority Pensions will also be required. Bidders are advised to seek their own legal advice about the practicality of these regulations and will be asked to reflect the financial implications of such a transfer in their tender submissions.

The services covered by this contract are Part B services under the Public Procurement regulations. Accordingly the Council will follow a process based on the principles of transparency. The Council will treat all economic operators equally and in a non-discriminatory way. This will be a one stage tender process and both selection and award criteria will be applied to the submissions.

If you wish to receive tender documents, please email or write as soon as possible to procurement@shropshire.gov.uk quoting reference EMC 011.

The deadline for the return of completed Tenders is 12 noon Friday 28TH November 2014.

Shropshire Council is purchasing on behalf of itself and any wholly owned local authority company or other entity that is deemed to be a contracting authority by virtue of the Council's involvement.

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