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Tender

## **CO0043 SELEP COVID-19 Recovery Skills Training**

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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**NUTS code**

UKH3 - Essex

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.proactisplaza.com>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.proactisplaza.com>

**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**

CO0043 SELEP COVID-19 Recovery Skills Training

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

Essex County Council is managing this procurement process on behalf of SELEP. It is proposed that a framework will be established to allow access for SELEP, and those public sector organisations associated with SELEP, to the services being provided. Ordering and payment processes will be established at the commencement of this agreement.

It is proposed that the framework would be procured on terms which would provide access to the local authorities within the SELEP area including but not limited to; Essex County Council, East Sussex Council, Kent County Council, Southend Council, Thurrock Council and Medway Council. District, borough and city authorities

within this geography. These Contracting Bodies will be responsible for ordering of, and payment for, their own services through this agreement.

The key outcome of this tender is to ensure a co-ordinated, effective response to COVID-19. As such, we are seeking organisations that can support us through the delivery of services as set out in the Lots below.

Interested Bidders are required to highlight which Lot(s) of work they are bidding for and is clearly marked when completing the Bidder questionnaire.

Lots

Lot 1 - Pathway to jobs in SELEP growth and recruiting sectors. Training specifically to get recently unemployment / redundant individuals into key sectors and illustrating a collaborative approach with employers. Key sectors include construction, logistics, health,

care, IT, food production, engineering and the coastal and rural economies are to be supported across all. . There is the ability to be flexible if new government funding is issued which addresses shortages in these sectors.

Lot 2 - Maximising jobs arising through the digital revolution. Training specifically to support people into digital roles across all sectors

Lot 3 - Digital skills for all - kit, connectivity and access to training

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

Value excluding VAT: £5,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 2

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Pathway to jobs in SELEP growth and recruiting sectors

Lot No

1

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80531000 - Industrial and technical training services
- 80570000 - Personal development training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex
- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex
- UKJ4 - Kent

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

Training specifically to get recently unemployed / redundant adults into identified jobs in key sectors - collaborative approach with employers

Ensure no duplication with existing government programmes and target cohorts accordingly

Targeting construction, health, care, rural economy, logistics, engineering, in that order of priority and with the ability to adapt if government sector support funding is launched

To include wrap around support tailored to the individual

To include awareness raising of the sectors and increasing their attractiveness

Ability to agree change of sector focus according to government responses and changing market needs Retraining for key sectors - 300 people supported into jobs

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

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

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £945,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Maximising jobs arising through the digital revolution

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80533000 - Computer-user familiarisation and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex
- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex
- UKJ4 - Kent

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

- As digital jobs are cross cutting, this would offer training for digital roles across all sectors and for jobs such as coding, software development, web design and video production. Increased focus and demand due to COVID-19.
- To include element of raising awareness of the sector and increasing diversity.
- Collaborative approach with employers.
- Potential to work with National Retraining Scheme team at DfE who are piloting digital boot-camps in other areas and to build on experiences of similar programme in Lancashire

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

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

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £300,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Digital skills for all

Lot No

3

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 30213000 - Personal computers
- 80533100 - Computer training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex
- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex
- UKJ4 - Kent

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

Getting kit and connectivity to those without it and where this is a barrier to training or

employment (with conditions and checks on kit and connectivity for a minimum period). A loan scheme model for the kit will be explored.

High quality training to address the now universal requirement for basic digital skills, in virtually all roles. Such training could be offered to quite large cohorts and include collaborations with corporates to ensure maximum impact.

Package to include training for those with no, some and developing digital skills.

Given evidence shows access likely to be lower in deprived areas, ensure districts with lower skills rates / higher unemployment are targeted as well as BAME groups and individuals with disabilities.

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

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

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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



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

Open 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

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 3

#### **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

5 February 2021

Local time

12:00pm

#### **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: 9 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

5 February 2021

Local time

1:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court, Royal Courts of Justice

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom