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Planning

CN250240 - Supported Employment Market Engagement Opportunity

Kent County Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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Reference number

DN758655

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Market Engagement Opportunity

Kent County Council is planning a Procurement process to appoint delivery partners for the Connect to Work Supported Employment scheme (funded by the Department of Work and Pensions). Prior to the commencement of the procurement process, we wish to engage with key stakeholders to gather information to help shape our Delivery and Procurement strategy.

KCC is seeking questionnaire responses from potential providers able to deliver Supported Employment Services to individuals in Kent & Medway.

Purpose of Engagement

The Council intends to use this Market Engagement Questionnaire as the first stage of our market engagement activities and is intended to build upon our existing knowledge of the market.

This stage is an open engagement exercise in which any potential providers can participate. A summary of the Market Engagement process along with any learning and how it has influenced service design will be shared with tenderers as part of any subsequent procurement process.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

All interested organisations are invited to review and complete the Council's Market Engagement Questionnaire, to provide feedback on the planned procurement process.

All responses to this questionnaire should be submitted via the Kent Business Portal, no later than 10 February 2025. All questionnaire responses will be treated as 'commercial in confidence'. Please go to

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=ae361677-5bd2-ef11-8133-005056b64545&p=8691483f-2f3d-e711-80e1-005056b64545> for further information.

Please note that participation (or non-participation) in this engagement will confer no advantage or disadvantage during the formal procurement process. Participation in this Market Engagement exercise is not a pre-requisite to participate during the procurement stage.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 June 2025

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes