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Contract

GMCA788 - UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF): Sector Skills Programme

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

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UKD3 - Greater Manchester

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Main address

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Buyer's address

<http://www.manchesterfire.gov.uk/>

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

GMCA788 - UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF): Sector Skills Programme

Reference number

DN690150

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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Volumes: minimum 400 starts; minimum 75% to complete

Lot 5: Manufacturing Technical Skills

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II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £3,399,987

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 - Advanced Digital Skills

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Programme Content, Design and Delivery / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Evidence of Need / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Engagement and Stakeholder Management / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Mobilisation and Implementation / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Track Record and Quality / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Contract Performance Management and Monitoring / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Financial Value for Money / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 - Business Productivity Skills

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

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II.2.1) Title

Lot 3: Public Services: Health and Social Care Skills

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

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Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 4 - Construction Technical Skills

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

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Quality criterion - Name: Financial Value for Money / Weighting: 10

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II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 5 - Manufacturing Technical Skills

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

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II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2020/S 175-423970](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

GMCA788.1

Lot No

2

Title

GMCA788 - UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF): Sector Skills Programme (Lot 2 - Business Productivity Skills)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

20 December 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Instep UK Limited

Warrington

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,199,990

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

GMCA788.2

Lot No

3

Title

GMCA788 - UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF): Sector Skills Programme (Lot 3 - Public Services: Health and Social Care Skills))

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

20 December 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Acorn Training Ltd

Stoke-On-Trent

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,199,997

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

GMCA788.3

Lot No

4

Title

GMCA788 - UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF): Sector Skills Programme (Lot 4 - Construction Technical Skills)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

20 December 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

SB Skills Solutions Ltd

Skelmersdale

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland)

London

Country

United Kingdom