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Tender

Evaluation of the Transform Programme

Arts Council England

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Scope

Reference

ACE 1058 ITT

Description

Arts Council England is seeking to commission a supplier to conduct an evaluation of the Transform funding programme.

Transform was launched in response to current National Portfolio Organisations (NPOs) who received a conditional offer of a reduction in the 2023-2026 Investment Programme. Arts Council aimed to support these organisations to adapt to these changes in a measured and sustainable to enable them to continue to bring creativity and culture to visitors and audiences. Transform focused on facilitating organisations to implement significant changes to their business model over three years, enabling them to improve their financial resilience and operate sustainability at reduced levels of Arts Council investment.

Arts Council England is now seeking a Contractor to deliver an independent programme level evaluation of Transform. The main aim of the evaluation is to capture learning from

Transform to help us understand how we delivered the programme and demonstrate the effectiveness of the programme in meeting its original aims and the needs of the funded organisations. The evaluation is an opportunity to gather internal learnings about the design and delivery of the programme; the level of support provided to organisations and to inform Arts Council's approach to supporting organisational and business development in the future.

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<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Manchester:-Economic-research-services./HG4YSK4GJ9>

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Total value (estimated)

- £50,000 excluding VAT
- £60,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 16 March 2026 to 14 September 2026
- Possible extension to 16 March 2027
- 1 year, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

Option to extend contract time frame.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79311400 - Economic research services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

12 February 2026, 11:00am

Tender submission deadline

12 February 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

| Name | Type | Weighting |
|------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Price | Price | 35% |
| Project Management | Quality | 25% |
| Expertise and Capacity of the Team | Quality | 20% |
| Understanding the Brief | Quality | 10% |
| Risk Management | Quality | 10% |

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Contracting authority

Arts Council England

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBGY-4385-GQGP

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