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Contract

24094 GCP Skills & Apprenticeship Service 2025

Cambridgeshire County Council on behalf of the Greater Cambridge Partnership

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04b4d8

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

24094 GCP Skills & Apprenticeship Service 2025

Reference number

DN741465

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This project is an opportunity to deliver key skills activities in Greater Cambridge. These activities will fundamentally underpin the growth of the economy in one of fastest growing areas of the UK. This project has a number of core themes (listed below) including delivering

apprenticeships and training opportunities, mentoring and careers guidance. In delivering these activities the successful bidder will be required to work across the breadth of the Greater Cambridge ecosystem.

The successful bidder will need work in collaboration with the Greater Cambridge community and specifically with businesses, schools, membership organisations and other

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local government bodies, such as the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, to ensure joined up working and avoiding duplication of efforts.

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last ten years. Current activity, as set out in our latest reports is broadly delivering well against its KPI's. We want to see continued delivery in these key areas. The GCP is now looking to expand on the success of the existing provision and provide a service with a wider

focus.

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1. Apprenticeships, training programmes and internships – promote and support young people to secure these opportunities. Work directly with young people, educators, parents

and employers to do so. KPI's to demonstrate numbers against 3 areas:

- Apprenticeships
- Work experience placements
- Internships

Activities to specifically focus on:

- Awareness of opportunities
- Encouraging and supporting the application process
- Signposting employers to a wide range of training providers

2. Careers Guidance Secondary Schools - offer careers and employability support to every

child at a Greater Cambridge state secondary school.

3. Careers Advice Primary Schools – Engage with all primary schools in Greater Cambridge to

support them to embed careers awareness activities into the curriculum. Including though an annual careers fair.

4. Mentoring – Provide targeted support to children who are at risk of being NEET through targeted mentoring arrangements.

5. Engagement with parents/carers – engage with parents/carers to inform, raise awareness

and equip them to support their young people.

6. Supporting staff – through targeted activity, support and equip staff in educational environments with a detailed understanding of current and emerging work opportunities for

their students

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,600,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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This requirement is not split into Lots, as the authority require one single provider to service

this requirement, for ease of management and to drive efficiencies.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-036169](#)

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

31 January 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Form the Future CIC

Future Business Centre, Kings Hedges Road,

Cambridge

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH - East of England

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,600,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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