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Tender

IA2616 Community Learning Framework

Staffordshire County Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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22 March 2023, 12:00pm

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

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

<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login>

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

IA2616 Community Learning Framework

Reference number

DN1453

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Staffordshire County Council's Community Learning Service wishes to commission a Community Learning Framework.

Suppliers are required to deliver a wide range of innovative, stimulating and engaging non-accredited face-to-face and blended and where appropriate online community learning programmes to adults aged nineteen plus (19+) throughout the eight districts of Staffordshire: Cannock, East Staffordshire, Tamworth, Lichfield, South Staffordshire, Stafford, Newcastle-under-Lyme, and Staffordshire Moorlands.

Provision will be aligned to the Council's priority outcomes and the Community Learning Service's commissioning priorities to complement the provision currently delivered across Staffordshire.

Staffordshire's Community Learning is grant funded annually by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) through the Adult Education Budget. The Community Learning Service has approved ESFA training provider status and currently works with schools, colleges, third sector organisations, independent training providers and local community groups to secure and deliver a range of learning opportunities for adults and families across

Staffordshire.

The current Community Learning Framework and Call-off Contracts, which are in place for the delivery of some of these Services will expire on 31st July 2023.

Interested suppliers should register on the Proactis e-tendering system:

<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login>

and then register an interest in this opportunity to access the tender documents.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Wellbeing and Independence

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This wellbeing and independence provision targets adults who are furthest from learning and employment, and these individuals will sometimes require additional bespoke support to be successful in their learning and to maximise them having positive progression outcomes.

The provision is to support Learners to develop skills across a broad range of subjects

relevant to their interests. The provision must include the delivery of strategies to stimulate self-awareness, improve and develop personal wellbeing and independence and support Learners to pursue and achieve their aspirations.

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,200,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement

Start date

1 August 2023

End date

31 July 2027

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

Community & Family Progression

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Community and Family Progression is for adults to help them develop skills that will contribute to their community and be more independent. It may also include family learning that equips parents, carers and guardians with the necessary skills to give their children the best start in life.

This may include courses that develop a broad range of adult skills and/or support their family's wellbeing and to give their children the best possible start in life. It may also improve parental engagement with education to boost the children's success in school and provide a 'way in' to education despite possible previous negative experiences.

The provision will widen community participation and develop stronger communities, with more self-sufficient connected and pro-active citizens leading to increased volunteering, civic engagement, and social integration.

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £480,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement

Start date

1 August 2023

End date

31 July 2027

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

English, Maths & Digital

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Staffordshire residents will be able to access more good jobs and feel the benefit of economic growth through the delivery of English, maths and digital provision supporting residents to up-skill and re-skill to gain and improve their life chances.

The provision will support residents to gain confidence and equip them with the necessary skills in the use of functional English, maths and digital in their everyday lives, including work and further learning.

Good English, maths and digital skills increase life chances and are essential for individuals to succeed in work and to progress to better jobs and pay. These skills often lead to people being more active in their local communities, accessing local facilities and online services.

The provision will widen participation and encourage first steps into English and maths for those individuals with prior negative experiences or low skills and provide digital inclusion activities that help people to develop skills and gain access to technology and thus narrow the digital divide.

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £400,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement

Start date

1 August 2023

End date

31 July 2027

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

STEM & Vocational

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Staffordshire residents will be able to access more good jobs and feel the benefit of economic growth through the delivery of STEM and vocational courses that supports individuals to up-skill and re-skill to gain and improve employment opportunities.

STEM and vocational courses include the development of enterprise skills; learning which helps Learners find out about self-employment and accessing support in starting their own business.

Providers must work in collaboration with local employers to identify and address the local needs and skills gaps in Staffordshire in collaboration with local employers.

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,600,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement

Start date

1 August 2023

End date

31 July 2027

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.2.14) Additional information

The Framework agreement value range is £3m to £5m over the total 4 years.

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation

List and brief description of rules and criteria

Criteria as stated in the procurement documents.

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

Criteria as stated in the procurement documents.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2022/S 000-019616](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Originally published as:

Date

16 March 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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Date

22 March 2023

Local time

12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Contracting Authority will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point that an award decision notice is communicated to tenderers. The award decision process will specify the criteria for the award of the framework contract, the reason for the decision, including the characteristics and relative advantages, the name and score of the successful tender(s), and will specify when the standstill period is expected to end or the date before which the Contracting Authority will not conclude the framework contract. If an appeal regarding the award of contract has not been successfully resolved, the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Any such action must be brought promptly (generally within 3 months). The Court may order the setting aside of the award decision or may order the Contracting Authority to amend any document and may award damages. If an agreement has been entered into the Court may make a declaration of ineffectiveness or may order that the duration of any relevant specific contract be shortened and additionally may award damages. The time limit for seeking such a declaration is generally 30 days from notification of the award (either by award decision notification or contract award notice depending upon the circumstances) or

otherwise 6 months.