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Contract

Framework for the delivery of Employability Skills Support

West Dunbartonshire Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0299e6

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00153

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Framework for the delivery of Employability Skills Support

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

West Dunbartonshire Council wishes to establish a framework with external service providers who will provide a wide range of pre/vocational training interventions that will assist citizens of West Dunbartonshire (aged 16+) to overcome barriers to employment, training and learning opportunities and assist them to achieve their training, employment and career and job aspirations

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: £1,200,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Engagement and Barrier Removal

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM81 - East Dunbartonshire, West Dunbartonshire and Helensburgh & Lomond

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The current employability support services managed by West Dunbartonshire Council's service Working 4U and delivered across the five stage employability pipeline provides a range of programmes and interventions that meet the identified needs of different client groups.

There has been and will continue to be an increasing focus on job seekers with multiple barriers to employment. It is essential that the employability support services at each stage of the employability pipeline meet the needs of the local economy and local businesses. However, they must also meet the needs of West Dunbartonshire citizens who wish to progress towards and into employment and improve their position within the labour market.

These objectives will be supported by a clear focus on progression within which:

stages 1 and 2 of the pipeline supporting those furthest from the labour market with better assessment, action planning and barrier removal activities.

More comprehensive information about the West Dunbartonshire Employability Pipeline can be found here:

<https://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/jobs-and-training/working4u/work/strategic-skills-pipeline/>

Transition between the five stages and lots 1, 2 and 3 is fundamentally important to the working of the pipeline and will be overseen and managed by Working 4U, who will retain all responsibility for individuals participating in the employability support services.

Transition and progression is particularly important for beneficiaries in Lot 1 and Lot 2 where they move from being not job ready into the demand side of the pipeline where they will be actively seeking work.

Individuals will participate in the stages of the employability pipeline that meets their identified needs; tenderers must be clear as to how they will manage support interventions at different stages of the pipeline.

Key objectives going forward which will underpin activity will be around:

- more flexible and responsive delivery models to meet this demand;
- embedding employability with other local support services;

better targeted and responsive support to those furthest from the labour market and streamlined to avoid confusion;

- improved partnerships.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: Yes

Identification of the project

European Social Funds

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Vocational Training and Work Related Skills

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

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Improve progression pathways from stages 1 and 2 into vocational activity and skills development at stages 3 and 4 with increased and improved job brokering, employer engagement and job matching with employers who have identified a specific need or vacancy.

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II.2.1) Title

In Work Support and Work Based Qualifications

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

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at stage 5, will provide improved in-work support and aftercare, which includes continued

skills development.

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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

IV.1.10) Identification of the national rules applicable to the procedure

Information about national procedures is available at:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2015/446/contents>

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2019/S 239-587590](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

Title

Engagement and Barrier Removal

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

26 February 2020

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 9

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 9

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £430,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

Vocational Training and Work Related Skills

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

26 February 2020

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 14

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 14

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM92 - Dumfries & Galloway

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £260,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

3

Title

In Work Support and Work Based Qualifications

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

26 February 2020

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 12

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 12

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £510,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

West Dunbartonshire Council via its Working 4U Service will retain responsibility for the end to end provision overseeing the participant employability journey working with a range of delivery partners to enhance the capacity and variety of support available.

Some specialist provision will be required for individuals with learning disabilities across all employability support services and an inclusive approach to the design and delivery of provision is essential.

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

The procurement exercise will be governed by Regulations 74, 75 & 76 of Public Contract (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

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<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

The Contracting Authority does not intend to include a sub-contract clause as part of community benefits (as per Section 25 of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014) in this contract for the following reason:

These are services to the individual and West Dunbartonshire Council Working 4U Service is responsible for the services provided to the individual. The Working 4U Service manages the end to end Employability Pipeline Support and wants a direct relationship with the service provider delivering the specific service requirements to the individual.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Dumbarton Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

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