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Tender

## **TVCA-PROC-0745 Adult Skills Fund 2026-27, 2027-28 and 2028-29**

Tees Valley Combined Authority

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

TVCA-PROC-0745

### **Description**

Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA)(the 'Contacting Authority'), part of the Tees Valley Combined Authority Group, is inviting tenders for the provision of Adult Skills Fund 2026-27, 2027-28 and 2028-29 to:

- Deliver Adult Skills Programmes to Tees Valley residents aged 19+ that are aligned to regional skills priorities, including but not limited to green industries, manufacturing, logistics, construction, digital, health and social care, and emerging and everyday sectors.
- Offer creative and innovative approaches that improve engagement, retention, and progression-this may include blended learning, employer-led models, flexible delivery, or community-based outreach.
- Work collaboratively with employers, referral partners, and community organisations to

ensure strong pipelines and clear progression routes.

- Ensure all learning is of consistently high quality, with qualified staff, well-designed curricula, and strong learner support.
- Provide timely and accurate data returns and comply with all funding and audit requirements.

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### **Total value (estimated)**

- £21,000,000 excluding VAT
- £25,200,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 August 2026 to 31 July 2029

- Possible extension to 31 July 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

Any option to extend of up to one year may include but not limited to review of existing Delivery Plan from Year 1-3, including provision, learner numbers, priority sector areas, funding values, review of Social Value from Year 1-3.

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

## **Contract locations**

- UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham

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## **Participation**

### **Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation**

Please refer to tender documentation for full details.

## **Technical ability conditions of participation**

Please refer to tender documentation for full details.

## **Particular suitability**

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

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

2 February 2026, 5:00pm

### **Submission type**

Tenders

### **Tender submission deadline**

16 February 2026, 10:00am

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/respond/233Y4Y7WP2>

**Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

**Languages that may be used for submission**

English

**Award decision date (estimated)**

10 June 2026

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**Award criteria**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Delivery and Outcomes	Quality	Quality	40%
Capacity and Capability	Quality	Quality	40%
Social Value	Social Value	Quality	20%

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**Other information****Description of risks to contract performance**

As the Local Growth Plan is currently in development, there may be additional funding or targeted interventions requiring new or extended grant and contract for services processes. While current timelines are based on known delivery requirements, further grant administration could be required subject to further funding by central government beyond existing timescales, subject to finalised priorities.

This introduces known unknowns - we anticipate new delivery activity may emerge, but the scale, complexity, and timing remain uncertain.

There is also the potential for unknowns tied to national policy shifts or macroeconomic changes.

If additional contract for services processes are introduced because of the Business Growth Plan, this may require an increase in delivery capacity, resources, and associated administration costs to maintain robust governance, compliance, and monitoring. This would represent a monetary increase not currently budgeted.

### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Competitive flexible procedure

### **Competitive flexible procedure description**

The competitive flexible procedure will be conducted in 3 stages:-

Stage 1 - Participation and Compliance (including Procurement Specific Questionnaire)

Stage 2 - Invitation to submit initial tenders for bidders who passed Stage 1. Quality/Social Value Assessment

Stage 3 - Negotiation (where applicable)

Full details of the multi-stage process can be found in the procurement documentation.

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## Contracting authority

### Tees Valley Combined Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDNG-8971-ZVCR

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Region: UKC13 - Darlington

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government