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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

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)

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

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Delivery and Outcomes	Quality	Quality	40%
Capacity and Capability	Quality	Quality	40%
Social Value	Social Value	Quality	20%

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

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.

Contracting authority

Tees Valley Combined Authority

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