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## **Somerset Community Learning**

Department for Education

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-029306

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKK23 - Somerset

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/Department-for-Education>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://education.app.jaggaer.com/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://education.app.jaggaer.com/>

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**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Somerset Community Learning

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

This procurement is for delivery of c£2.5m of ESFA funded Community Learning for the 2021/22 academic year in the geographical area of Somerset only. Somerset is comprised of a two-tier non-metropolitan county, administered by Somerset County Council and five district councils.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £5,048,398

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKK23 - Somerset

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The purpose of this notice is to inform the market of an opportunity for delivery of

education and training to adult learners' resident in Somerset, through a single ESFA funded Community Learning contract for services.

The existing ESFA funded Community Learning contract for services in Somerset will come to an end on 31 July 2021. As a result, a competitive procurement exercise under the Public Contract Regulations 2015 for a single ESFA funded Community Learning contract for services will open week commencing 15 March 2021. The contract will start on 1 August 2021 and cease on 31 July 2022. Subject to the outcome of the Further Education reform White paper, and affordability, the ESFA may include a right to extend the contract for a limited period.

The procurement will be open to providers who are seeking to deliver education and training provision funded by ESFA Community Learning to adults' resident in Somerset. Providers do not need to be listed on the Register of Training Organisations as this is due to be decommissioned. Providers will need to meet the quality standards that will be set out in the procurement documents.

The procurement will fund:

- delivery of ESFA funded Community Learning services to adult learners' resident in the geographical area of Somerset only. ESFA funded Community Learning funding is focused on people who are disadvantaged and least likely to participate in learning, including those in rural areas and people on low incomes with low skills. For many learners, this is a first step towards further learning, voluntary work and / or paid employment.
- delivery in Somerset only, which is comprised of a two-tier non-metropolitan county, administered by Somerset County Council and five district councils. The five districts of Somerset are West Somerset, South Somerset, Taunton Deane, Mendip, and Sedgemoor (please note this does not include coverage within the 2 unitary authorities of North Somerset and Bath & North East Somerset).
- any Contractor to whom we award a contract must provide flexible timetabling and modes of teaching and learning (for example, evening classes, bite sized delivery, and drop-in sessions) to attract those furthest from learning, and/or with mild to moderate mental health issues or other disadvantages

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,524,199

**II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

1 August 2021

End date

31 July 2022

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Contract contains extension provision, which the Authority may exercise at its discretion.

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**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

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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## **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: [2021/S 000-002975](#)

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

Date

16 April 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Tender must be valid until: 14 August 2021

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

16 April 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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### **Section VI. Complementary information**

#### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

#### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

##### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Education & Skills Funding Agency

Coventry

Country

United Kingdom