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Contract

Step up to Social Work

Somerset Council
South Gloucestershire Council
Bath and North East Somerset Council
Swindon Borough Council
North Somerset Council
Bristol City Council
Devon County Council
Plymouth City Council
Torbay Council
Cornwall Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Somerset Council

Taunton

TA1 4DY

Email

iain.copeland@somerset.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK - South West (England)

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.somerset.gov.uk

I.1) Name and addresses

South Gloucestershire Council

Council Offices, Badminton Road

Yate

BS37 5AF

Email

iain.copeland@somerset.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.southglos.gov.uk>

I.1) Name and addresses

Bath and North East Somerset Council

Keynsham Civic Centre, Market Walk

Keynsham

BS31 1FS

Email

iain.copeland@somerset.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk>

I.1) Name and addresses

Swindon Borough Council

Swindon Borough Council, Civic Offices, Euclid Street

Swindon

SN1 2JH

Email

iain.copeland@somerset.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK14 - Swindon

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.swindon.gov.uk/>

I.1) Name and addresses

North Somerset Council

Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road

Weston-super-Mare

BS23 1UJ

Email

iain.copeland@somerset.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/>

I.1) Name and addresses

Bristol City Council

City Hall

Bristol

BS1 5TB

Email

iain.copeland@somerset.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/>

I.1) Name and addresses

Devon County Council

County Hall, Topsham Road

Exeter

EX2 4QD

Email

iain.copeland@somerset.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK43 - Devon CC

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.devon.gov.uk>

I.1) Name and addresses

Plymouth City Council

Ballard House, West Hoe Road

Plymouth

PL1 3BJ

Email

iain.copeland@somerset.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK41 - Plymouth

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/>

I.1) Name and addresses

Torbay Council

Town Hall, Castle Circus

Torquay

Email

iain.copeland@somerset.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK42 - Torbay

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.torbay.gov.uk/>

I.1) Name and addresses

Cornwall Council

County Hall, Treyew Road

Truro

TR1 3AY

Email

iain.copeland@somerset.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK30 - Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.cornwall.gov.uk>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

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

Step up to Social Work

Reference number

ERFX1001341

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

For a Higher Education Provider to Design and Delivery of a Post Graduate Diploma in Social Work Programme (Step Up to Social Work). This Contract is being procured on behalf of the following organisations:

- Somerset Council (lead authority)
- South Gloucestershire Council
- Bath and North East Somerset Council
- Swindon Borough Council
- North Somerset Council
- Bristol City Council
- Devon County Council
- Plymouth City Council
- Torbay Council
- Cornwall Council

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £532,616

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK23 - Somerset

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

For further information and access to the tender tender documents, please visit:

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

Please note, the contract value is an estimated value based on the initial contract period. The initial contract period is for 2 years, with the option to extend for a further Cohort (15 months)

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Procurement Document D - Total Cost for programme based on 47 trainees / Weighting: 20

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

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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 February 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The University of the West of England, Bristol

The University of the West of England, Bristol, Frenchay Campus, Coldharbour Lane,

Bristol

BS16 1QY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK23 - Somerset

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £532,616

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Public Procurement Review Service

Cabinet Office

London

Email

publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

