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Awarded contract

## **SELEP COVID-19 Recovery Skills Training**

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY HALL

CHELMSFORD

CM1 1QH

#### **Contact**

Andrew Beaver

#### **Email**

[andrew.beaver@essex.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.beaver@essex.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKH3 - Essex

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.proactisplaza.com/>

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

Regional or local authority

## **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

SELEP COVID-19 Recovery Skills Training

Reference number

CO0043

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

Essex County Council is managing this procurement process on behalf of SELEP. It is proposed that a framework will be established to allow access for SELEP, and those public sector organisations associated with SELEP, to the services being provided. Ordering and

payment processes will be established at the commencement of this agreement. It is proposed that the framework would be procured on terms which would provide access to the local authorities within the SELEP area including but not limited to; Essex County Council, East Sussex Council, Kent County Council, Southend Council, Thurrock Council and Medway Council. District, borough and city authorities within this geography. These Contracting Bodies will be responsible for ordering of, and

payment for, their own services through this agreement.

The key outcome of this tender is to ensure a co-ordinated, effective response to COVID-19.

As such, we are seeking organisations that can support us through the delivery of services as set out in the Lots below.

Interested Bidders are required to highlight which Lot(s) of work they are bidding for and is clearly marked when completing the Bidder questionnaire.

#### Lots

Lot 1 - Pathway to jobs in SELEP growth and recruiting sectors. Training specifically to get recently unemployment / redundant individuals into key sectors and illustrating a collaborative approach with employers. Key sectors include construction, logistics, healthcare, IT, food production, engineering and the coastal and rural economies are to be supported across all. . There is the ability to be flexible if new government funding is issued

which addresses shortages in these sectors.

Lot 2 - Maximising jobs arising through the digital revolution. Training specifically to support people into digital roles across all sectors

Lot 3 - Digital skills for all - kit, connectivity and access to training

#### **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: £5,000,000

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Pathway to jobs in SELEP growth and recruiting sectors

Lot No

1

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

- 80531000 - Industrial and technical training services
- 80570000 - Personal development training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex
- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex
- UKJ4 - Kent

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

Training specifically to get recently unemployed / redundant adults into identified jobs in key sectors - collaborative approach with employers.

Ensure no duplication with existing government programmes and target cohorts accordingly.

Targeting construction, health, care, rural economy, logistics, engineering, in that order of priority and with the ability to adapt if government sector support funding is launched.

To include wrap around support tailored to the individual.

To include awareness raising of the sectors and increasing their attractiveness.

Ability to agree change of sector focus according to government responses and changing market needs Retraining for key sectors - 300 people supported into jobs

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality evaluation / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Price Evaluation / Weighting: 40

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The agreements have the option to extend for 12 months

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Maximising jobs arising through the digital revolution

Lot No

2

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

- 80533000 - Computer-user familiarisation and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex
- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex
- UKJ4 - Kent

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

- As digital jobs are cross cutting, this would offer training for digital roles across all sectors and for jobs such as coding, software development, web design and video production. Increased focus and demand due to COVID-19.
- To include element of raising awareness of the sector and increasing diversity.
- Collaborative approach with employers.
- Potential to work with National Retraining Scheme team at DfE who are piloting digital boot-camps in other areas and to build on experiences of similar programme in Lancashire.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality Evaluation / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Price Evaluation / Weighting: 40

## **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The agreement maybe extended for a further period of up to 12 months.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Digital skills for all

Lot No

3

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

- 30213000 - Personal computers
- 80533100 - Computer training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex
- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex
- UKJ4 - Kent

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

Getting kit and connectivity to those without it and where this is a barrier to training or employment (with conditions and checks on kit and connectivity for a minimum period). A loan scheme model for the kit will be explored.

High quality training to address the now universal requirement for basic digital skills, in virtually all roles. Such training could be offered to quite large cohorts and include

collaborations with corporates to ensure maximum impact.

Package to include training for those with no, some and developing digital skills.

Given evidence shows access likely to be lower in deprived areas, ensure districts with lower skills rates / higher unemployment are targeted as well as BAME groups and individuals with disabilities.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality evaluation / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Price evaluation / Weighting: 40

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The agreement maybe extended for a further period of up to 12 months.

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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 000-000111](#)

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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**

18 March 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 10

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 10

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

The Shaw Trust ltd

Black Country House Rounds Green Road

Oldbury

B69 2DG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,045,000



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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

18 March 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

TECHTALENT ACADEMY LTD

Suite 2, 3rd Floor, St Bartholomews House

BRISTOL

BS1 2NH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £280,000

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#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

18 March 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

WE ARE DIGITAL TRAINING LTD

Friars House, Manor House Drive

Coventry

CV1 2TE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £300,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court, Royal Courts of Justice

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom