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Planning

DWP Connect to Work Programme (Preliminary Market Engagement)

Isle of Wight Council

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Scope

Reference

DN764844

Description

The Isle of Wight Council (the “Authority”) is the local government authority for the Isle of Wight, based at County Hall in Newport. The Authority also operates from other administrative centres across the island.

Further information about the Authority found here: <https://www.iow.gov.uk/home>

The Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton as a functioning economic area, are formally agreed to work together under the partnership of Chief Executives and Leaders from the 3 UTLAs (upper tier local authority) and is currently referred to as SUTLAB (Solent UTLA board).

The Authority is looking to engage with a Supplier to deliver the Department for Work and

Pensions Connect to Work unemployment support programme.

The programme will offer 1 to 1 and group support to adults (18+) of economically inactive individuals (not in receipt of universal support or other work-based benefits) to move them into employment on programmes of up to 1 year.

The programme can also support adults who are in work but need additional support to retain employment.

Full programme management is required, to include:

- Design and development
- Market engagement and promotion
- Management of referrals application processes
- Evaluation and reporting services
- Counter Fraud services

Delivery of this programme will include the use of an approved fidelity model and subject to DWP (Department of Work and Pensions) audit.

Full programme guidance will be provided.

It is currently intended that the term of the contract will be from 1 July 2025 until 31 March 2028.

This Preliminary Market Engagement Questionnaire (PMEQ) is intended to notify Suppliers of an upcoming tender opportunity.

Suppliers should note this PMEQ is not a commitment to conducting a procurement exercise and we reserve the right not to proceed with the further competition.

The information contained in this PMEQ is an accurate representation of our current requirement. The questionnaire can be found on ProContract

(<https://procontract.due-north.com/Opportunities/Index?p=08800155-5442-e511-80ed-000c29c9ba21&v=1>)

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Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 July 2025 to 1 April 2028
- 2 years, 9 months, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79600000 - Recruitment services

Engagement

Engagement deadline

12 March 2025

Engagement process description

Looking for supplier feedback in the form of responses to Questionnaire which will be available on ProContract,

(<https://procontract.duenorth.com/Opportunities/Index?p=08800155-5442-e511-80ed-000c29c9ba21&v=1>)

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