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Award

STEP UP TO SOCIAL WORK

Leeds City Council - PACS

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03b4db

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

Region code

UKE42 - Leeds

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

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

70399

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80300000 - Higher education services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Step Up to Social Work programme provides an accelerated entry route into social work for high-achieving graduates and career changers. It is delivered through the development of a bespoke work-based 14 month postgraduate diploma programme, led by groups of local authorities working in regional partnerships and contracting with Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).

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: £370,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD4 - Lancashire

Main site or place of performance

Salford

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The delivery of the Step Up to Social Work post graduate social work degree for 37 students across six local authorities.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

Confirmation of DfE funding was not received until 15th December 2022 which meant the timescales to subject this contract to tender were insufficient. The University of Salford has successfully delivered the Step Up to Social Work course for 5 cohorts and have the staff and resources in place to continue to meet all the requirements of the contract. It would not be feasible for another organisation to organise itself into a similar arrangement and deliver the services within the time constraints. The contract is to be awarded in reliance on Public Procurement Regulation 32 (2) (b) (ii) - Negotiated Procedure without prior publication - of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

70399

Title

STEP UP TO SOCIAL WORK

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

15 March 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

University of Salford

Maxwell Building, The Crescent

Salford

M5 4WT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD4 - Lancashire

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £370,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £370,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court of Justice

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The authority will observe a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period prior to award.