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## **Flexible Framework for Vocational and Skills Based Interventions**

North Lanarkshire Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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

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

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**NUTS code**

UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

**Internet address(es)**

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

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00010](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00010)

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

**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

Flexible Framework for Vocational and Skills Based Interventions

Reference number

NLC-CPT-21-013

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

North Lanarkshire Council (the "Council") propose to establish a Flexible Framework Agreement with multiple external learning Contractors to deliver vocational and skill-based interventions across a variety of subject areas. Provision will be accessible to all North Lanarkshire schools however is primarily sought for senior phase pupils (S4-S6).

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The aim of this Framework is to enhance the employability skills and post school pathways that will better equip our young people for the world of work. A significant focus of this framework will be to ensure adequate specialist provision is available for our schools and programmes supporting pupils from priority and target groups.

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The proposed Framework duration is 4 years. There will be annual entry points to allow new applicants to join the Framework for academic years 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25.

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This framework will not include vocational and skills-based interventions delivered by further education colleges/universities or any provision delivered under school college partnership arrangements.

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

Value excluding VAT: £4,800,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 80200000 - Secondary education services
- 80340000 - Special education services
- 80212000 - Vocational secondary education services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

Main site or place of performance

North Lanarkshire

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

In accordance with The Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, Regulation 74, the Council is seeking to put in place a Flexible Framework Agreement with multiple external learning Contractors for the provision of vocational education and skill-based courses for young people across all of North Lanarkshire's school establishments.

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The primary aim of this framework is to enhance the curricular offering linked to young people's employability skills and post school pathways, that will better equip our young people for the world of work.

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The offering will focus on the following areas:

-Universal Offer – Mainstream Pupils

-Additional Offer – ASN Pupils

-Intensive Offer – Vulnerable Pupils

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Desirable subject areas for these pupils include however is not exhaustive:

-Acting & Theatre Performance

-Automotive Engineering

-Beauty Care

-Civil Engineering

-Construction

-Creative Digital Media

-Dance

-Digital Game Development

-Early Learning & Childcare

-Employability Skills

-Engineering

-Food & Drink Technology

-Hairdressing

-Health & Safety

-Health & Social Care

-Hospitality

-It Hardware

- IT Software
- Make Up Artistry
- Music Technology
- Professional Cookery
- Rural, Horticultural & Outdoor Skills
- Scientific Technologies
- Sensory Arts
- Sound Production
- Sports Development
- Uniformed Service

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Tenderers may make proposals for courses in one or more subject areas if they are an approved/accredited centre within a recognised skills sector and have delivery staff/trainers with relevant qualifications to deliver to school pupils within their sector.

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Contractors must be available to deliver courses during the Council's academic year: August – June. Provision will range from full year courses to shorter bespoke interventions taking place over a school term.

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Further to this overview, a detailed specification is contained within the Tender Pack which is accessible (and downloadable) from the Buyer Attachment area within the PCS-T Tendering System.

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Tenderers must respond to Selection Questions within the PCS-T Qualification Envelope;

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Tenderers must complete Award Questions and Statements located within the PCS-T Technical Envelope.

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Tenderers must download and complete a Pricing Schedule located within the PCS-T Commercial Envelope.

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

Value excluding VAT: £4,800,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Duration in months

48

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE EXCLUSION GROUNDS:

Economic Operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of situations referred to in Regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015

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

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

#### **III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation**

List and brief description of rules and criteria

Full details of the objective rules and criteria for participation are contained within the ITT document. Please refer to I.3 Communication within this Notice.

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### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

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Please refer to the ITT documentation for all contract performance conditions.

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#### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract



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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

#### IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreementThe Framework is for a maximum of 4 years. There has a flexible approach and annual entry points to allow new applicants to join the Framework for academic years 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25..

#### IV.1.10) Identification of the national rules applicable to the procedure

Information about national procedures is available at:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2015/446/part/2/chapter/3/crossheading/social-and-other-specific-services>

#### IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure

Single-stage procedure.

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Tender Application: Tenderers must complete an SPD and provide proposals for Service Provision.

Tenders must be submitted via PCS-T only.

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Tender responses will be scored by a tender evaluation panel from within the Council.

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Further entry points will adhere to the same Tender Application process.

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## **IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Date

24 May 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.3) Additional information**

TENDERERS PLEASE NOTE:

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Late Tenders will not be considered under any circumstances.

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The Council will not provide additional notification to any Bidder of the rejection of a late Tender.

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For the avoidance of any doubt, automated messages confirming receipt of a Tender should not be taken to imply acceptance of it by the Council.

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Police Scotland identified a number of business areas that have a high risk of infiltration by Serious and Organised Crime groups; this Framework belongs to one such area and as such the Council reserves the right to include enhanced probity checks prior to any contract award, including sharing tenderer information with Police Scotland.

The tender pack includes a schedule for the Declaration of non-involvement in serious organised crime; this is a mandatory tender submission requirement for all tenderers.

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The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 18158. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

The Contracting Authority does not intend to include any community benefit requirements in this contract for the following reason:

This Flexible Framework is not providing any guarantee of work; any contracts will be across a vast number of learning providers and it is therefore overly complex to achieve useage at this stage and it is anticipated that none of them would reach the threshold where it would be reasonable to expect Community Benefits to be accrued.

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The nature of this Framework already has benefits to the community ingrained within it as the sole purpose is to enhance the employability skills and post school pathways that will better equip our young people for the world of work. A significant focus of this Framework will be to ensure adequate specialist provision is available for our schools and programmes supporting pupils with complex and additional needs.

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

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

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<https://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/the-courts/court-locations/hamilton-sheriff-court>

### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

An economic operator that suffers, or is at risk of suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 or the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014, may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.

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