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Contract

Tender for Social Worker (Degree) Apprenticeships

Herefordshire Council

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-009615

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04c300

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Herefordshire Council

Council Offices, Plough Lane

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG11 - Herefordshire, County of

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.herefordshire.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**

Tender for Social Worker (Degree) Apprenticeships

Reference number

DN755139

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Contract award notice for an approved training provider to deliver up to 22 Social Worker (Degree) Apprenticeships. The Supplier will be required to draw down the Apprenticeship Levy funding.

The supplier will be required to provide face-to-face training for apprentices at suitable venue(s) in an easy to access location within 2-hours of Hereford City by car or public transport.

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: £528,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80500000 - Training services
- 80300000 - Higher education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG11 - Herefordshire, County of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The council has commissioned an approved training provider to deliver Social Worker (Degree) Apprenticeships. The Supplier will be required to draw down the Apprenticeship Levy funding.

The Supplier will be required to provide face-to-face training for apprentices at suitable venue(s) in an easy to access location within 2-hours of Hereford City by car or public transport.

This tender related to 'social and other specific services' as listed in Schedule 3 of The Public Contract Regulations 2015.

The contract is anticipated to be for up to 76 months from 1st April 2025 to 31st July 2031 (or until all apprentices have completed their degrees) to deliver up to a maximum of 22 apprenticeships over two cohorts.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 78

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 12

Price - Weighting: 10

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: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-039424](#)

IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

Section V. Award of contract

Title

Tender for Social Worker (Degree) Apprenticeships

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

27 February 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The University of Worcester

Worcester

WR2 6AJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG12 - Worcestershire

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £528,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Herefordshire Council

Hereford

Country

United Kingdom