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## **Social Enterprise Development Framework**

Cumberland Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-044df5

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

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

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKD1 - Cumbria

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.the-chest.org.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**

Social Enterprise Development Framework

Reference number

DN717514

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

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

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

Services

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

This framework tender document is being issued by Cumberland Council acting as the Accountable Body for Cumbria Social Enterprise Partnership (CSEP). The activity being procured via this framework will cover the geographic areas covered by Cumberland Council and Westmorland & Furness Council, ie - the ceremonial county of Cumbria boundaries. At times this may be specific to one council's area (or a portion of) or be "countywide", depending upon the funder's criteria.

This framework is being procured to expand the range and volume of business support services which CSEP is able to offer to an ever-growing Social Enterprise sector. The services which CSEP will procure will help increase the number of start-ups and further support existing social enterprises to develop new products and services, improve governance and sustainability and will create additional, fulfilling employment for local people.

Please see the Tender Documents for further information available via The Chest.  
<https://www.the-chest.org.uk/> .

For support using the Chest, please contact Proactis, using the Supplier Support area.

For clarifications, please ensure all correspondence is via The Chest using the messages area.

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,500,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKD1 - Cumbria

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

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 10

**II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,500,000

**II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**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

**II.2.14) Additional information**

Suppliers wishing to express an interest and obtain access to the tender documents should

go to [www.the-chest.org.uk](http://www.the-chest.org.uk) and click on current opportunities from the navigation area on the left of the screen. On the next screen enter the contract Reference (DN717514) in the box labelled 'contains' then click search. Click on the Blue link for the contract title to view the opportunity. To express an interest you will need to login. If you are not already registered on the [www.the-chest.org.uk](http://www.the-chest.org.uk) you will need to return to the home page and click on Register. Register FREE link in the navigation area on the left of the screen. Registration is

free of charge and your username and password will be emailed to you.

Cumberland Council is fully supportive of all aspects of diversity including ethnicity, race, religion, age, disability and sexual orientation. In this respect Cumberland Council welcomes expressions of interest from ethnic minority, disabled and other diverse business

communities and the voluntary sector. Economic operators are therefore required to fully comply with all statutory obligations/applicable legislation and there will be a requirement to participate in the Authority's supplier audits on all aspects of diversity.

The Contracting Authority expressly reserves the right:

(i) not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; and

(ii) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition; and in no circumstances will the Contracting Authority be liable for any costs incurred by the candidates. Any expenditure, work or effort undertaken prior to contract award is accordingly a matter solely for the commercial judgement of potential suppliers.

The contracting authority reserve the right to use any electronic portal during the life of the agreement.

The value provided in Section II.1.5 and Section II.2.6 is only an estimate.

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

Date

29 April 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

29 April 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

High Court of England

London

Country

United Kingdom