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Tender

Flexible Framework for Services linked to Scottish Attainment Challenge (SAC) and Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) - Entry Point 4

North Lanarkshire Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03720a

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

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Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Flexible Framework for Services linked to Scottish Attainment Challenge (SAC) and Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) - Entry Point 4

Reference number

NLC-CPT-22-92 (EP4)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Council have already established a Flexible Framework (https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/show/search_view.aspx?ID=SEP460524) for services linked to Scottish Attainment Challenge and Pupil Equity Fund.

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This notice is for Entry Point 4, which is applicable for any potential Provider and/or setting that is not already on the Framework.

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The original Framework was set up for 4 years, with included annual entry points to allow new Providers to apply to join the Framework, this would enable the Council to maintain capacity and choice.

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Key objectives of Scottish Attainment Challenge is to provide opportunities for local authorities in addressing the poverty related attainment gap.

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The Pupil Equity funding is additional funding allocated directly to schools with objective to allow flexibility within a local context for schools to target interventions aimed at closing the poverty related attainment gap.

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It is envisaged that Service Providers appointed to this Flexible Framework will support these objectives. The resultant services will be made available to Primary, Secondary and Additional Support Needs schools within NLC.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £16,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Community Engagement

Lot No

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II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

Main site or place of performance

Within North Lanarkshire Area

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This Lot is part of the overall framework for potential providers to support North Lanarkshire Councils objectives to close the poverty related attainment gap.

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This Lot is to provide a service which focuses on engaging pupils, parents/carers and a wider community in learning through activities designed to close the poverty related attainment gap. The services(s) provided should complement the range of activities which the local Authority currently provides.

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General Note to tenderers – you are be able to bid for one or more lots. There are no restrictions. Please ensure you complete each Lot specific tender response.

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 the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Pupil Workshops

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

Main site or place of performance

Within North Lanarkshire area

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This Lot is part of the overall framework for potential providers to support North Lanarkshire Councils objectives to close the poverty related attainment gap.

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This Lot is to provide to provide a service which engages pupils on a particular subject, activity or project through discussion, performance or participation in class(es) dedicated

to the project or activity. This service may include, but is not limited to, mindfulness, yoga, confidence building, nutrition, diversity and health and wellbeing.

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Educational Leadership (all staff)

Lot No

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II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

Main site or place of performance

Within North Lanarkshire area

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This Lot is part of the overall framework for potential providers to support North Lanarkshire Councils objectives to close the poverty related attainment gap.

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This Lot is to provide a service which will develop leadership skills in teachers and support staff as part of the local Authority's commitment to career long professional

Learning.

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Leadership for Pupils

Lot No

7

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

Main site or place of performance

Within North Lanarkshire area

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This Lot is part of the overall framework for potential providers to support North Lanarkshire Councils objectives to close the poverty related attainment gap.

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This Lot is to provide a service which will develop leadership and team working skills in pupils of all ages and abilities across the local authority.

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Educational Assessments

Lot No

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II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

Main site or place of performance

Within North Lanarkshire area

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This Lot is part of the overall framework for potential providers to support North Lanarkshire Councils objectives to close the poverty related attainment gap.

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This Lot is to provide support and assessment materials primarily in the areas of Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing. This service may include, but is not limited to, standardised diagnostic assessment and screening tools.

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Research and Improvement Consultancy

Lot No

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II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

Main site or place of performance

Within the North Lanarkshire Council area

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This Lot is part of the overall framework for potential providers to support North Lanarkshire Councils objectives to close the poverty related attainment gap.

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This Lot is to provide a service which will support the local authority in seeking to close the poverty related attainment gap. This service may include, but is not limited to, data analysis and research-based activities focused on data acquisition in relation to closing the poverty related attainment gap.

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Developing the Young Workforce

Lot No

10

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

Main site or place of performance

Within the North Lanarkshire Council area

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This Lot is part of the overall framework for potential providers to support North Lanarkshire Councils objectives to close the poverty related attainment gap.

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This lot is to provide a service which assist schools in developing skills for learning, life and work in children and young people in the broad general education, particularly for those young people with barriers to learning and at risk of disengaging from education early. The service may include but is not limited to work-related learning experiences, employer involvement, family involvement and also development opportunities for teachers.

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II.2.14) Additional information

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Mentoring & Support and Advice Services

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

Main site or place of performance

Within North Lanarkshire area

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This Lot is part of the overall framework for potential providers to support North Lanarkshire Councils objectives to close the poverty related attainment gap.

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This Lot is to provide a service which focuses on the support and encouragement of pupils to manage their own learning in order that they may develop their learning skills, supports nurture and health and wellbeing activities, improves their academic performance and maximises their potential. This service may include, but is not limited to, additional support with academic studies, coaching, youth work and support and mentoring activities, group and/or one-to-one support with pupils and/or families, resilience coaching, mediation, speech and language therapy.

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II.2.14) Additional information

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Activity Based Learning

Lot No

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II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

Main site or place of performance

Within the North Lanarkshire Council area

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This Lot is part of the overall framework for potential providers to support North Lanarkshire Councils objectives to close the poverty related attainment gap.

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To provide a service which engages and encourages pupils to learn and develop through participation in a range of learning activities and experiences which may include, but are not limited to, outdoor learning, sport and social activities aimed at closing the poverty related attainment gap.

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II.2.14) Additional information

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Counselling

Lot No

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II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

Main site or place of performance

Within North Lanarkshire Council area

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This Lot is part of the overall framework for potential providers to support North Lanarkshire Councils objectives to close the poverty related attainment gap.

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This Lot is to provide a counselling service that is universal. This will complement the range of whole-school and targeted approaches already available in schools to help support the mental, emotional, social and physical wellbeing of children and young

people. This Lot focuses on the provision of formal counselling and follows the British Association for Counsellors and Psychotherapy (BACP) definition of counselling which is: 'a professional activity delivered by qualified practitioners in schools. Counsellors offer distressed children and young people an opportunity to talk about their difficulties, within a relationship of agreed confidentiality'.

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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

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

The minimum requirement is to have or be able to obtain the necessary insurances as stated within 4B.5.1, 4B.5.2.

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Award Stage - Tenderers must complete the Lot specific price schedule, quality questionnaire, form of tender and submission certificate (for each specific lot they wish to be considered for).

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.1) Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision

As per each Lot Specification

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

It is expected that all tenderers tendering for lots dealing with children will ensure their proposed staff will be registered under the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) prior to commencement of any potential contract.

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

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

Tender Evaluation will be based on Most Economically Advantageous Tender (MEAT) for each specific Lot. This is further described within the tender documents.

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2022/S 000-027562](#)

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

Date

28 April 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

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 BE AWARE: 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 28829. 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>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

As stated within the ITT

(SC Ref:793974)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Scottish Courts

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

An economic operator that suffers, or risks suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/446) (as amended) may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or Court of Session.