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Tender

Invitation to Tender for the provision of Digital Skills Bootcamps - EMPLOYERS

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

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NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<http://www.manchesterfire.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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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Reference number

DN609558

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

As part of the “Plan for Jobs” the Department for Education (DfE) are providing £2.5bn for the National Skills Fund (NSF) to help adults build skills for the economy of the future; complementing provision available through Adult Education Budget (AEB). NSF comprises of Skills Bootcamps and the Level 3 Free Courses for Jobs Offer. Skills Bootcamps offer free flexible courses of up to 16 weeks giving people the opportunity to build up sector specific skills and fast track to an interview with a local employer.

The key objectives of skills bootcamps are to:

- Address the needs of employers to fill skills shortage vacancies requiring specialist digital skills and improve business productivity.
- Address the needs of adults to retrain and upskill whatever their starting point. Providing clear line of sight to a new role / opportunity / contract.
- Diversifying the talent pipeline by targeting groups underrepresented in key sectors.

Skills Bootcamps are targeted at all adults aged 19+ who are in-work, self-employed, unemployed, returning to work after a career break and prisoners on temporary release or due to be released within six months. With a focus on specific priority groups. This funding round will open on Tuesday 26th April and close on Monday 6th June at 12 noon. Late applications will not be accepted. Consortia can bid for a minimum of £100,000 and a maximum of £500,000. There is £1.5m of funding available in total. (Funding Period is

until the end of March 2023 with the potential to extend until March 2025).

This opportunity is specifically targeted at employers with innovative ideas for digital training that could open up opportunities for people to enter the industry. This could be upskilling the existing workforce and/or developing a pipeline for the wider industry. (For specific details on eligibility to bid please see section four within the specification).

** Tender documents and instructions on how to apply can be found on The Chest <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/> ****

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

End date

31 March 2025

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

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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

6 June 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

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Local time

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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

Royal Court of Justice

London

WC2A2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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