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Tender

NCC1755 NE Rural Growth Programme

Northumberland County Council

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Scope

Reference

NCC1755

Description

Northumberland County Council, the lead delivery partner on behalf of the North East Combined Authority (NECA), seeks to appoint a supplier that can supply a pool of Technical Specialists to support all rural businesses in County Durham, Gateshead and Northumberland.

The selected supplier will facilitate the provision of 1:Many, in the form of workshops, and 1-2-1 advice to eligible businesses identified by the project and accepted onto the North East Rural Growth Programme (NERGP).

Total value (estimated)

- £675,000 excluding VAT

- £810,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 1 April 2029
- Possible extension to 1 April 2030
- 4 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

Subject to service requirements

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services
- 80511000 - Staff training services

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

26 February 2026, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

6 March 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Please visit <https://www.open-uk.org/> to view the opportunity and searching the project reference: OPEN2026165

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

23 March 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Value for Money	Price	30%

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Technical Specialists and Staffing Arrangements	Quality	20%
Understanding of the context	Quality	15%
Capacity and Resource Management	Quality	15%
Workshop Delivery Model	Quality	10%
Social Value	Quality	10%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://www.open-uk.org/>

Project reference - OPEN2026165

Contracting authority

Northumberland County Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government