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Planning

Targeted Careers Information Advice and Guidance Service

Cumberland Council

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Scope

Description

Cumberland Council is looking to procure a new contract for the delivery of its Targeted Careers Information Advice and Guidance Service in 2026 with the aim of new contract of up to 5 years commencing in January 2027.

The Council is interested in hearing from current and prospective providers of similar services about their experience of relevant provision. This will inform the Service Specification.

Providers could also be invited to at least two market engagement events prior to the launch of the Invitation to Tender.

Total value (estimated)

- £2,500,000 excluding VAT

- £3,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 10 January 2027 to 9 January 2030
- Possible extension to 9 January 2032
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UKD1 - Cumbria

Engagement

Engagement deadline

16 March 2026

Engagement process description

To start the engagement process, the Council would welcome feedback within a short survey that can be accessed in the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/LWenxuNPvF>

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
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Contracting authority

Cumberland Council

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