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Contract

Somerset Community Learning

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-014461 Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-029306 Published 24 June 2021, 10:45pm

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKK23 - Somerset

Internet address(es)

Main address

https://www.gov.uk/Department-for-Education

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Somerset Community Learning

II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The purpose of this notice is to notify the market of delivery of education and training to adult learners' resident in Somerset, through a single ESFA funded Community Learning contract for services.

The existing ESFA funded Community Learning contract for services in Somerset will come to an end on 31 July 2021. As a result, a competitive procurement exercise under

the Public Contract Regulations 2015 for a single ESFA funded Community Learning contract for services has been completed. The contract will start on 1 August 2021 and cease on 31 July 2022. Subject to the outcome of the Further Education reform White paper, and affordability, the ESFA may include a right to extend the contract for a limited period.

The procurement will be open to providers who are seeking to deliver education and training provision funded by ESFA Community Learning to adults' resident in Somerset. Providers do not need to be listed on the Register of Training Organisations as this is due to be decommissioned. Providers will need to meet the quality standards that will be set out in the procurement documents.

The procurement will fund:

- delivery of ESFA funded Community Learning services to adult learners' resident in the geographical area of Somerset only. ESFA funded Community Learning funding is focused on people who are disadvantaged and least likely to participate in learning, including those in rural areas and people on low incomes with low skills. For many learners, this is a first step towards further learning, voluntary work and / or paid employment.

- delivery in Somerset only, which is comprised of a two-tier non-metropolitan county, administered by Somerset County Council and five district councils. The five districts of Somerset are West Somerset, South Somerset, Taunton Deane, Mendip, and Sedgemoor (please note this does not include coverage within the 2 unitary authorities of North Somerset and Bath & North East Somerset).

- any Contractor to whom we award a contract must provide flexible timetabling and modes of teaching and learning (for example, evening classes, bite sized delivery, and drop-in sessions) to attract those furthest from learning, and/or with mild to moderate mental health issues or other disadvantages

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £2,524,199

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UKK23 - Somerset

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: 2021/S 000-005573

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

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Title

Somerset Community Learning

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

28 May 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Somerset Skills & Learning CIC

Taunton, Somerset, England

TA1 2PX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

• UKK23 - Somerset

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,524,199

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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Country

United Kingdom