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## **Pre market Engagement for the Delivery of the UK Government's Multiply Programme for Newport City Council**

Newport City Council

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0273](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0273)

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Pre market Engagement for the Delivery of the UK Government's Multiply Programme for Newport City Council

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Newport City Council are holding a Pre-Market Engagement Event concerning the delivery of the UK Government Multiply programme.

The Multiply programme forms part of the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund, that has been developed to support the

government's wider commitment to level up all parts of the UK and provides funding for local investment between 2022 and 2025 and

aims to help transform the lives of adults by improving their functional numeracy skills through free personal tutoring, digital training, and

flexible courses.

Please note that it is anticipated that this arrangement is likely to be divided into lots. Full details shall be provided within the contract

notice and tender documents

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKL21 - Monmouthshire and Newport

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Newport City Council invites suppliers/providers to attend individual Pre-Market Engagement meetings on 20th June 2023 at the Civic Centre, Newport, NP20 4UR to discuss the Council's requirement for the Multiply programme.

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UKG Multiply Programme will run up until the 31st March 2025.

The eligible participants within Multiply are:

Adults 19+ who have not previously attained a Level 2/ SCQF Level 5 or higher maths qualification. They can either be working towards a maths Level 2/ SCQF Level 5 or Functional Skills Qualification, need specific numeracy skills for their work or progression, or just want to brush up on the skills to help them get on in life and work.

The eligible interventions within Multiply are:

Courses designed to increase confidence with numbers for those needing the first steps towards formal qualification.

Courses for parents wanting to increase their numeracy skills in order to help their children and help with their own progression.

Courses aimed at prisoners, those recently released from prison or on temporary license.

Courses aimed at people who can't apply for certain jobs because of lack of numeracy skills and/or to encourage people to upskill in order to access a certain job/career.

Additional relevant maths modules embedded into other vocational courses.

Innovative programmes delivered together with employers – including courses designed

to cover specific numeracy skills required in the workplace.

New intensive and flexible courses targeted at people without Level 2 maths in Wales, leading to an equivalent qualification.

Courses designed to help people use numeracy to manage their money.

Courses aimed at over 19s that are leaving, or have just left, the care system Activities, courses or provision developed in partnership with community organisations and other partners aimed at engaging the hardest to reach learners – for example, those not in the labour market or other groups identified locally as in need.

It should be noted that discussions regarding the exact scope of the Multiply programme are on-going at the point of drafting this notice.

The objectives of the Pre-Market Engagement Process are to:

- 1 Understand the current delivery landscape across the county borough.
- 2 Understand the potential opportunities and challenges to enhancing delivery in line with the eligible activities set out within the Multiply programme.
- 3 Understand the potential forms of contract that would be suitable for the delivery of the Multiply programme.
- 4 Receive general feedback.
- 5 Understand the balance of cost, timescales and management implications through varying procurement processes.
- 6 Understand how the benefits from the Multiply programme can be maximised.

The Council are therefore looking to engage with suppliers/contractors who can provide all or part of the services required to deliver the Multiply programme within the City.

Total grant of GBP 4.1m available subject to central government sign-off of investment plans.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

3 July 2023

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The individual supplier meetings will be held on the 20th June 2023 at the Civic Centre, Newport, NP20 4UR. A maximum of 3 representatives can attend.

Suppliers/Providers who wish to attend must email [procurement@newport.gov.uk](mailto:procurement@newport.gov.uk) detailing those who will be attending and provide a car registration number so a parking bay can be booked.

Appointments will be emailed no later than the 14th June 2023.

NB: Suppliers/Providers are encouraged to use public transport and Newport Train Station is 10 minutes walking distance from the Civic Centre. If you are travelling by car, it is requested that all attendees arrive in one vehicle, if possible.

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