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Contract

## **Adult Education Budget (AEB) - 2022 - 2027**

Liverpool City Region Combined Authority

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02eb69

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

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

Liverpool City Region Combined Authority

1 Mann Island

Liverpool

L3 1BP

#### **Contact**

Procurement Team

#### **Email**

[tender@liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk](mailto:tender@liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKD7 - Merseyside

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Adult Education Budget (AEB) - 2022 - 2027

Reference number

DN574153

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

We intend to go out to market using a light touch approach to the following project. The Liverpool City Region covers the Local Authority areas of Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St. Helens and Wirral. Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) has successfully managed the devolved Adult Education Budget (AEB) for eligible local residents aged 19 and over since 2019/20, balancing meeting the traditional skills needs addressed by AEB and incorporating significant innovations that reflect and respond to the

local distinctiveness of the City Region and the skills needs of residents.

The LCRCA now intend to procure high quality Adult Education using devolved funding for a

commissioning cycle commencing from 1 August 2022, covering the period 2022-27  
LCRCA

are seeking to build effective contractual relationships and continue to implement local

flexibilities through our devolution agreement. Successful training providers will deliver contracts for services that meet our quality standards and delivery expectations aligned to the skills needs of Liverpool City Region as a result of this procurement exercise. Through the tendering process successful providers will demonstrate an understanding of our local authority areas, the needs of resident learners and employers, and how they would work alongside our anchor College and Local Authority grant funded organisations to add value to

the local curriculum offer for LCR residents.

The procurement will allow further learner choice of provision by funding residents with training including:

- Statutory entitlements including first full Level 2 and Level 3 qualifications for learners

aged 19-23, English and Maths and digital skills for learners aged 19 and over

- Flexible tailored provision for adults, including qualifications and components of these and/or non-regulated learning, up to level 2
- Locally determined training innovations that better meet the skills needs of the local economy, employers and residents.

#### **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: £70,000,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKD7 - Merseyside

## II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

#### **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

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## **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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-025596](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

1

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

6 May 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 94

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 82

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 94

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Aspire Education Academy Ltd

Haslingden

BB4 5HU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD4 - Lancashire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,000,000

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

2

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

6 May 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

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Number of tenders received from SMEs: 82

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 94

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Back 2 Work Complete Training

Manchester

M12 6JH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,000,000

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

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#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

6 May 2022

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Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 94

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

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Crosby Training

Liverpool

L20 3QQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD7 - Merseyside

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £903,000

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

4

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

6 May 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

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Number of tenders received from SMEs: 82

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 94

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

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Genesis Training Group

St Helens

WA10 1TF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD7 - Merseyside

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,000,000

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

5

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

6 May 2022

**V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 94

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 82

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 94

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

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Innovative Alliance Ltd

Liverpool

L34 9HN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD7 - Merseyside

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,000,000

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

6

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

6 May 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 94

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 82

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 94

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

netcom training Ltd

Birmingham

B7 4AX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD7 - Merseyside

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £999,000

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**Section V. Award of contract**

**Contract No**

7

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

**V.2) Award of contract**

**V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

6 May 2022

**V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 94

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 82

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 94

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

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

NorthWest Education & Training Ltd

Liverpool

L31 8BT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD7 - Merseyside

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £976,915

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### **Section V. Award of contract**

#### **Contract No**

8

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

#### **V.2) Award of contract**

##### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

6 May 2022

##### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 94

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 82

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 94

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

##### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

PeoplePlus Group Ltd

Nottingham

NG2 1AE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD7 - Merseyside

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £826,803

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

9

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

6 May 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 94

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 82

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 94

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

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Realise Learning and Employment Limited

Sheffield

S9 1XH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD7 - Merseyside

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £856,828.96

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**Section V. Award of contract**

**Contract No**

10

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

**V.2) Award of contract**

**V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

6 May 2022

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 94

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 82

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 94

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

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

St Helens Chamber

St Helens

WA10 1FY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD7 - Merseyside

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £557,585

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

11

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## **V.2) Award of contract**

### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

6 May 2022

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 94

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 82

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 94

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

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

The Growth Company Limited

Manchester

M1 5JW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,000,000

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

12

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

6 May 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 94

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 82

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 94

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

The Learning Foundry

Liverpool

L1 2SA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD7 - Merseyside

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £660,000

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

13

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

6 May 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 94

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 82

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 94

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Total Training Provision Ltd

Barnsley

S70 2JT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £836,430

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

14

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

6 May 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 94

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 82

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 94

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

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Vocational Skills Solutions Limited

Wigan

WN3 6PR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,000,000

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

15

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

6 May 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 94

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Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 94

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

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Waltham International College Ltd.

Barking

IG11 7NR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI52 - Barking & Dagenham and Havering

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £697,108.8

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**Section V. Award of contract**

**Contract No**

16

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

**V.2) Award of contract**

**V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

6 May 2022

**V.2.2) Information about tenders**

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Number of tenders received by electronic means: 94

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

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Women's Technology Training Limited

Liverpool

L8 7PE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD7 - Merseyside

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £669,895.51

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Royal Courts of Justice

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom