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Contract

Provision of Apprenticeship Training and Assessment Framework

Cumberland Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04c955

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of Apprenticeship Training and Assessment Framework

Reference number

DN756307

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80530000 - Vocational training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Cumberland Council is committed to investing in apprenticeships as a vital pathway for empowering residents and fostering economic growth. By offering accessible opportunities, we aim to enhance skills, promote career development, and create a skilled workforce that supports the health, wellbeing, and resilience of our communities. Our apprenticeship initiatives play a key role in addressing local skills gaps and ensuring all residents can contribute to and benefit from a thriving local economy. Our workforce planning strategy focuses on developing a skilled, inclusive workforce through apprenticeships and career pathways. By prioritising inclusive recruitment and collaborating with local educational institutions, we aim to fill skill gaps and meet future service delivery needs. Through mentorship, career development opportunities, and a focus on retention, we are building a sustainable pipeline of talent to support the Council's long-term goals. Our values of ambition, collaboration, compassion, innovation, and empowerment guide this work, ensuring that apprenticeships are integral to the Council's transformation and success.

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: £15,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD1 - Cumbria

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 10

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.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DN756307

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

18 March 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 37

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 24

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: 37

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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NUTS code

- UKK4 - Devon

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Apprentice team Ltd

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NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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BRISTOL

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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The contractor is an SME

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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NUTS code

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The contractor is an SME

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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NUTS code

- UKE3 - South Yorkshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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NUTS code

- UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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NUTS code

- UKF1 - Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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NUTS code

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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NUTS code

- UKH3 - Essex

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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NUTS code

- UKD6 - Cheshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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- UKJ4 - Kent

The contractor is an SME

No

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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The contractor is an SME

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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The contractor is an SME

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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The contractor is an SME

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The contractor is an SME

No

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The contractor is an SME

No

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The contractor is an SME

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD1 - Cumbria

The contractor is an SME

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V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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NUTS code

- UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

The contractor is an SME

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £15,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of England

London

Country

United Kingdom