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## **WYCA AEB DPS opportunity- Rail Engineers/Track Operatives programme**

West Yorkshire Combined Authority

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

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

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Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/103257>

**I.3) Communication**

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Supplier/Documents/Folder/68385>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

WYCA AEB DPS opportunity- Rail Engineers/Track Operatives programme

Reference number

WYCA AEB DPS opportunity- Rail

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

West Yorkshire Combined Authority will shortly be tendering for a training provider to deliver a Rail Engineers/ Track Operatives programme for West Yorkshire residents. The training should develop knowledge and skills for sector entry, underpinned by employer needs.

This tender is part of the West Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority's Adult Education Budget (AEB) Responsiveness Pot, as detailed in the West Yorkshire AEB Strategy. The Responsiveness Pot provides flexible funding aimed at tackling specific and emerging economic issues.

\*This opportunity will only be available to suppliers who have been appointed to the WYCA AEB DPS, YORtender reference "48078 - Further Education Training Providers for Adult Education".

If you are interested in this opportunity you must successfully complete the AEB DPS application process first before you can access the full details of the requirements/tender documents and submit a bid.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,100,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 34600000 - Railway and tramway locomotives and rolling stock and associated parts
- 45234100 - Railway construction works
- 50220000 - Repair, maintenance and associated services related to railways and other equipment
- 50225000 - Railway-track maintenance services
- 71311230 - Railway engineering services
- 63711000 - Support services for railway transport

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

NUTS codes

- UKE4 - West Yorkshire

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

The UK rail industry is currently experiencing a period of growth. Government investment in infrastructure projects – for example, £96b of investment in the integrated rail plan – has the potential to create up to 12,000 jobs every year nationally over the next five to ten years, on top of existing funding to maintain and operate the railways.

It is expected that the successful provider(s) will link to local employers to develop participant understanding of the realities of the occupation and provide local job opportunities.

It is also expected that the provider will have established links to support seamless progression onto further training or employment within the rail sector.

#### **Overview**

The Rail Engineers/ Track Operatives training programme should provide West Yorkshire residents with the on the job and professional accreditations needed to enter into work, and link them directly to employers who have live vacancies for interview.

- Deliver a Rail Engineers/ Track Operatives programme and provide residents with the on the job and professional accreditations needed to enter into work

- Work closely with employers with live vacancies for learners to progress into employment
- Progress individuals to relevant qualifications required by employers or to support individual progress
- Engage and retain eligible individuals supporting achievement rates on or above national average.
- Deliver flexible and innovative provision
- Avoid duplication of similar local provision

### Budget

The maximum budget available is £2,100,000 across 3 years.

Initially the contract will be awarded for the period of 1st August 2023 – 31st July 2024

23/24 (to 31 July 2024) £900,000

### Target Participant Group

The target audience for AEB are adults aged 19 or over and :

- are unemployed
- residents on low wage looking to upskill or retrain

The qualifications should help individuals to gain skills that employers value, improve job prospects and earn a good wage.

Learners must be resident in West Yorkshire, aged 19+ and eligible for AEB funding as per the WY AEB Funding Rules.

### Outputs

A minimum of 675 learners must complete the training within the 3 year contract period, with a minimum of 225 learners to complete in the initial contract period and 225 in each subsequent contract period should they be commissioned.

Learners should be engaged from Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield.

Minimum of 60% of learners from a disadvantaged area

Minimum of 50% of learners from an ethnic minority group

Minimum of 20% of female learners

Minimum of 50% outcome into employment

Minimum of 85% achievement rate

\*Any supplier interested in bidding for this opportunity must first be successfully appointed to the WYCA AEB DPS, YORTender reference 48078 - Further Education Training Providers for Adult Education using the link below\*

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Supplier/PublicPurchase/41709/0/0?returnUrl=ctm/Supplier/publictenders&b=YORTENDER>

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

This notice is not intended to act as a call for competition, nor to shortlist potential suppliers

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

7 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