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## **CO0338 ESCA Practice Educator Professional Standards (PEPS)**

Essex County Council

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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**Region code**

UKH3 - Essex

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://procontract.due.north.com>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due.north.com>

**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**

## CO0338 ESCA Practice Educator Professional Standards (PEPS)

Reference number

DN673922

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

Essex County Council (ECC) is required to provide the opportunity for hands-on practical experience to enable Student Social Workers to consolidate their academic learning in 'live' Social Work practice experience, within Adult and Children's Services. This will provide the opportunity to work with individuals who are vulnerable and in need of support, assistance and directing to appropriate community based services. The placements may be in Frontline Social Work Teams or Secondary Services provided by the Local Authority.

The aim of this PEPS provision is to provide experienced Social Work Practitioners with the skills and knowledge required to coach, mentor, supervise and assess Social Work Students, Newly Qualified Social Workers in their learning environments. This will enable qualified Practice Educators to mentor Social Workers engaged in Continuing Professional Development (CPD) activities. It should provide pathways to support Practice Educators to achieve level 2 Practice Education Professional Standards (PEPS).

The purpose of this procurement is to provide the required PEPS programme pathways through the provision of a framework based on the following Lots:

Lot 1 – PEPS Level 1&2 – combined course value of 60 academic Credit Post Graduate (Level 7) – Adult Social Care

Within Lot 1, there is a requirement for the HEI to provide two additional pathways

Towards attendees seeking to attaining the full professional award:

- PEPS Level 1 - course value of 15 academic Post Graduate Credits

to enable attendees to facilitate adult learners in a 70 day/Initial Placement learning

environment or a Newly Qualified Social Worker (NQSW) in first year of practice.

- PEPS Level 2 – course value of 45 academic Post Graduate Credits

to enable attendees to facilitate adult learners in a 100 day/Final Placement learning environment or a NQSW in first or continued year of practice.

- Refresher course – for PEPS award holders who are no longer compliant with the PEPS Framework currency requirements.

Lot 2 – PEPS Level 1&2 – combined course value of 60 academic Credit Post Graduate (Level 7) – Children and Families Social Care

Within Lot 2, there is a requirement for the HEI to provide two additional pathways

Towards attendees seeking to attaining the full professional award:

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to enable attendees to facilitate adult learners in a 70 day/Initial Placement learning environment or a NQSW in first year of practice.

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Bidders may bid for one or both Lots

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

Value excluding VAT: £400,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

PEPS Level 1&2 – combined course value of 60 academic Credit Post Graduate (Level 7)  
– Adult Social Care

Lot No

1

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

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

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

PEPS Level 1&2 – combined course value of 60 academic Credit Post Graduate (Level 7)  
– Children and Families Social Care

Lot No

2

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

- 800000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

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

Within Lot 2, there is a requirement for the HEI to provide two additional pathways

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## **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

Framework agreement with several operators

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

#### **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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

10 July 2023

Local time

5:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

11 July 2023

Local time



9:00am

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

Hight Court, Royal Courts of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom