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Contract

Adult Education Budget Service Contract 2

West Midlands Combined Authority

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main 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

Adult Education Budget Service Contract 2

Reference number

02336-2020

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

WMCA is establishing a suite of Adult Education Budget Service Contracts through this procurement exercise, with a total estimated value of up to £4m for the initial 15 month period. It is WMCA's intention that contracts awarded will initially be awarded for 15 months (academic year 2019 to 2020), with an option to extend for a further year up to July 2022.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £1,164,955.31

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Support for those in Employment

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG31 - Birmingham

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provision of Adult Education Services - Lot 4 includes:

- Focus on new learning to support career progression
- A flexible adult offer to enable those who seek to re-train and up-skill
- Particular focus but not exclusive to those in low-paid, low-skilled and insecure jobs
- Level 2, 3 and 4
- Funding subsidies available to support L3 and L4
- Pre-apprenticeship provision that supports uptake of Apprenticeships

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The initial contract period is for 6 months, with an option to extend for a further 6 months (12 months total).

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: Yes

Identification of the project

European Social Fund

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Birmingham Commonwealth Games

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG31 - Birmingham

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provision of Adult Education Services - Lot 5 includes:

- Particular focus on young people aged between 19 and 30 and unemployed adults aged 30+ through level 3 provision

- Technical skills at level 3 supporting event management, digital marketing, hospitality, sports coaching and team leading.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The initial contract period is for 6 months, with an option to extend for a further 6 months (12 months total).

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: Yes

Identification of the project

European Social Fund

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- New works/services, constituting a repetition of existing works/services

Explanation:

Please explain in a clear and comprehensive manner why the award of the contract without prior publication in the Official Journal of the European Union is lawful, by stating the relevant facts and, as appropriate, the conclusions of law in accordance with the directive: (500 words maximum)

This contract provides Adult Education Skills and Training throughout the West Midlands Combined Authority area.

The impact of the pandemic has been unprecedented and widespread across our residents communities, and businesses and we are currently experiencing a challenging economic picture. Employment is flat, while falling unemployment masks a continuing decline in the size of the labour force as economic inactivity rises. While short-term unemployment is at its lowest ever, long-term unemployment is significantly higher than pre-pandemic levels. Record vacancies signal that employers are finding it increasingly hard to fill posts. And while pay is increasing, soaring inflation means that it is declining in real terms. Taken together, this creates a toxic mix for living standards that will not resolve itself. The provision of training has a key role to play in moving people back into the labour force; improving workplace support; and helping people find good, well-paid employment and progress at work.

We want to align our skills funding to be able to deliver maximum impact so we intend to procure provision collectively - meaning we are aiming to run a single procurement opportunity for Adult Education Budget, National Skills Fund and Multiply.

The estimated length of time expected to be able to create the new offering is anticipated to be in the region of 6 to 12 months. We are therefore intending to let the contract for an initial period of 6 months with the option to extend for a further 6 month period.

To ensure service continuity, the West Midlands Combined Authority has taken the decision to award the contract to their current providers (please see list above), under Regulation 32 of the Procurement Regulations 2015 as the Services consist of a repetition of similar services entrusted to the current providers which are the same as or similar to the Services awarded under their original contracts.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

4

Title

Adult Education Budget service contract 2 - Support for those in Employment

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 May 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Learning Curve Group

Darlington

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC13 - Darlington

National registration number

5233487

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Waltham International College Limited

Barking

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI52 - Barking & Dagenham and Havering

National registration number

7177562

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £582,464.31

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

5

Title

Adult Education Budget Service Contract 2 - Birmingham Commonwealth Games

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 May 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Babington Business College

Birmingham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG31 - Birmingham

National registration number

2673518

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Bright Direction Training Limited

Bolton

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD4 - Lancashire

National registration number

7476725

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Mitre Group Limited

Matlock

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF1 - Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire

National registration number

2768180

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £582,491

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

As stated elsewhere in this notice, The initial contract period is for 6 months, with an option to extend for a further 6 months (12 months total).

The current contracts end on the 31st July 2022, the new ones will commence from 1st August 2022.

For the purposes of maximum transparency, this is the second of 2 contract award notices published by the WMCA in respect of the provision of Adult Education Services. The title of the first notice is Adult Education Budget Service Contract 1.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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