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Contract

Specialist Upskilling Courses

West Yorkshire Combined Authority

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Specialist Upskilling Courses

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Combined Authority is seeking to contract with multiple providers to deliver courses to upskill individuals, with delivery up to 30/09/24. Progression tracking will end 31/03/25. The aim is to support individuals into new roles, new or enhanced self-employment opportunities, or take on additional responsibilities in their existing role, and providers will be paid based on evidence of participant starts, completions and progressions. The activity must add value to national & local policy and not duplicate or undermine delivery already being undertaken by other funded provision. Courses should be complementary to existing provision, including digital offers under AEB funding. As this training is to be delivered at Level 3 & above, AEB provision may act as a stepping stone onto a Skills Connect course, with the aim of an individual progressing into employment. Learning needs to be delivered at a level and length where individuals can progress based on the course content.

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: £932,225.28

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Enhancing Workplace Diversity and Recruitment Practices for Employers

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

As West Yorkshire becomes increasingly diverse, as do workplaces. In line with that, recent economic circumstances coupled with changes in lifestyle mean that a rising number of individuals are looking to enter or re-enter the workforce, but lack the confidence, labour market knowledge and soft skills to do so. We believe that the above outlined courses would guide employers in supporting and retaining their staff. This is to provide a minimum of 105 individuals to be trained in Enhancing Workplace Diversity and Recruitment Practices.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

Supporting Individuals from Underrepresented Groups into Employment

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Recent economic circumstances coupled with changes in lifestyle mean that a rising number of individuals are looking to enter or re-enter the workforce, but lack the confidence, labour market knowledge and soft skills to do so. We believe that the above outlined courses would support disadvantaged individuals to access meaningful employment. This is to provide training for a minimum of 145 individuals to support them into employment.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

Supporting Organisations to Secure Funding and Build Capacity

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Various sectors and organisations now rely on securing funding through a range of means in order to grow their enterprises and ensure they are sustainable. Modules could include how to identify and diversify funding streams, fundraising techniques, bid writing, presenting proposals, using data and technology to make clear business cases, and capacity building. This is to provide a minimum of 200 individuals, with training and support in how to secure funding and build capacity through various means.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

Getting Into the Professional Services Sector

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Within West Yorkshire, a wide range of school and college leavers and University graduates complete their qualifications without having clear career progression plans. It is our ambition that the above outlined courses would support these individuals to access robust careers in various professional service roles through the provision of labour market information, insights from employers, and guidance on applying transferable skills and knowledge to particular roles in the sector. This is to provide a minimum of 250 individuals with careers advice and support in accessing roles in the Professional Services Sector.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

Accessing Public Sector roles - including in Local Councils, Emergency Services & Mayoral CAs

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Courses that would address this challenge would support individuals in understanding the varied and interesting nature of public sector work and the many advantages of working in this area, along with practical information on completing application processes. To ensure that the employer application element of the course is relevant and fit for purpose, it will be expected that Public Sector employers would co-design the course. This is to provide a minimum of 150 individuals with careers advice and support in accessing Level 3+ roles in the Public Sector.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

Civil Service Opportunities

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This is to provide a minimum of 100 individuals with careers advice, support, essential digital skills and application process guidance into the Civil Service. The demographics for

this lot will be split as below:

- 50 individuals over 50
- 50 individuals who identify as having a disability, are from an ethnic minority, or are female

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

Beyond Brontës: The Mayors Screen Diversity Programme

Lot No

7

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provider is required to design and deliver a blended, bespoke and impactful TV and film production training programme to be delivered over 12 months, designed to meet the needs of the above target cohort from across West Yorkshire. For all purposes, the programme is to be known as "Beyond Brontës: The Mayor's Screen Diversity

Programme". Nurturing and retaining skills and talent within the region should be at the forefront of the programme, with a focus on diversity to ensure diverse talent. The budget available is £112,000. In addition to the funds available through this procurement exercise, a further grant of up to £75,000.00 may be made available to the appointed provider to subsidise participant wages in order to support the securing of employment as a result of skills they have acquired through the course. The course will be made up of a minimum of 80 selected people from diverse backgrounds, with the provider able to deliver cohorts of appropriate sizes through the duration of the contract.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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.1.8) 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

Notice number: [2023/S 000-036206](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

1

Title

Enhancing Workplace Diversity and Recruitment Practices for Employers

A contract/lot is awarded: No

V.1) Information on non-award

The contract/lot is not awarded

No tenders or requests to participate were received or all were rejected

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

2

Lot No

2

Title

Supporting Individuals from Underrepresented Groups into Employment

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 May 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 7

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Learning Curve Group Limited

SPENNYMOOR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £203,000

Lowest offer: £195,000 / Highest offer: £203,000 taken into consideration

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

3

Lot No

3

Title

Supporting Organisations to Secure Funding and Build Capacity

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 May 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Bidright UK Limited

BECKENHAM

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £279,999.30

Lowest offer: £253,000 / Highest offer: £279,999.30 taken into consideration

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

4

Title

Getting Into the Professional Services Sector

A contract/lot is awarded: No

V.1) Information on non-award

The contract/lot is not awarded

No tenders or requests to participate were received or all were rejected

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

5

Title

Accessing Public Sector roles - including in Local Councils, Emergency Services & Mayoral CAs

A contract/lot is awarded: No

V.1) Information on non-award

The contract/lot is not awarded

No tenders or requests to participate were received or all were rejected

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

6

Lot No

6

Title

Civil Service Opportunities

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 May 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Talented Training Limited

Leeds

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £139,999.98

Lowest offer: £139,948 / Highest offer: £139,999.98 taken into consideration

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

7

Lot No

7

Title

Beyond Brontës: The Mayors Screen Diversity Programme

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 May 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Screen Yorkshire Limited

Leeds

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £112,000

Lowest offer: £112,000 / Highest offer: £112,000 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of England and Wales

London

Country

United Kingdom