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Tender

## **Somerset County Council Workforce Skills**

Somerset County Council

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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#### **Contact**

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#### **Country**

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#### **NUTS code**

UKK23 - Somerset

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.somerset.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/Advert/Index?advertId=c54c3fea-f0ed-eb11-810d-005056b64545>

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/Advert/Index?advertId=c54c3fea-f0ed-eb11-810d-005056b64545>

**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**

Somerset County Council Workforce Skills

Reference number

DN544131

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

Following a successful application to the European Social Fund, Somerset County Council has secured £2,078,053 of European Social Fund (ESF) investment to deliver the Somerset Skills for Growth Project. The Council is now seeking to procure and appoint suitably qualified suppliers to deliver the outputs and results specified within the Somerset Skills for Growth Grant Funding Agreement. The total value of this opportunity is up to £300,135.24. It is intended that this will be spread across several suppliers according to the overall requirements, and the Applicant's capacity. As such Applicants are encouraged to bid for only the elements that they are capable and have the capacity to provide. 'SCC Workforce Skills' will offer qualifications at any accredited level, excluding basic skills. The accredited qualifications have been pre-determined and are stated in section 2.5 in their required volumes. Guide prices have also been researched. Applicants are able to set out their own prices if they wish but will be marked for value for money against the guide prices.

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

Value excluding VAT: £300,135.24

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services
- 80300000 - Higher education services
- 80200000 - Secondary education services

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

NUTS codes

- UKK23 - Somerset

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

The Authority is conducting this procurement process in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. This tender opportunity falls within Schedule 3 of the Regulations (Social and Other Specific Services) and below the Light Touch Regime threshold. Whilst this means that this Tender is exempt from EU procurement rules, it will be run in accordance with the EU Treaty principles of transparency, non-discrimination, equal treatment, mutual recognition, and proportionality.

Along with satisfying the essential criteria for contract award, we are inviting Applicants to submit comprehensive and realistic method statements, with associated timescales, outlining the proposed customer journey, from the point of receiving a referral, to the end of a participant's involvement. We will ask Applicants to explain how their delivery method will achieve the desired outputs/outcomes ensuring all associated risks and issues are highlighted along with any mitigating actions.

At the conclusion of the Award stage, the intention is to award a contract to 1 applicant per set of pre-determined qualifications. Part D will indicate the number of individuals per qualification, alongside the guide price for each qualification. The provider that scores highest against each qualification will be offered the contract and the highest scoring applicant will be determined by their score for Part C (quality) and their costings in Part D (price).

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

Quality criterion - Name: Delivery / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

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

End date

30 June 2023

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: Yes

Identification of the project

Under the Somerset Skills for Growth Grant Funding Agreement with ESF funding.

## **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: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Date

6 September 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

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

Date

6 September 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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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**

Somerset County Council

Taunton

TA1 4DY

Country

United Kingdom