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Tender

## **Business Durham Select List**

Durham County Council

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

OPEN20251732

### **Description**

Business Durham is seeking to establish a select list of specialists to support the pre-start, start-up businesses and existing businesses, providing a flexible and responsive service to meet evolving business needs effectively and efficiently.

Bidders are to be aware that this procurement is grant funded under UKSPF allocation of funds.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £300,000 excluding VAT
- £360,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2028
- Possible extension to 30 April 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

Option to extend 2 x 12 months from the contract end date.

### **Options**

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The Council reserves the right to re-open and close the Select List to allow any additional Bidder(s) to apply at a future date at the Council's sole discretion, provided that they fully meet the essential criteria contained in the bidding documentation.

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services

### **Contract locations**

- UKC14 - Durham CC

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

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## **Submission**

### **Tender submission deadline**

31 March 2026, 12:00pm

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

Responses are to be submitted via [www.open-uk.org](http://www.open-uk.org).

You can find the opportunity via the Open reference: OPEN20251732

### **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

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## **Award criteria**

This opportunity is awarded based on the completion of pass/fail criteria and the agreement of a pricing schedule embedded into the tender documentation.

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Below threshold - open competition

### **Special regime**

Light touch

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Durham County Council**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMPB-8772-VYWM

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Region: UKC14 - Durham CC

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government