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Contract

For the Design and Delivery of a Post Graduate Diploma in Social Work Programme (Step Up to Social Work)

Somerset County Council
Bath and North East Somerset Council
Bristol City Council
Cornwall Council
Devon County Council
North Somerset Council
Plymouth City Council
South Gloucestershire Council
Swindon Borough Council
Torbay Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02ce28

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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<https://www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk>

I.1) Name and addresses

Bath and North East Somerset Council

Bath

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I.1) Name and addresses

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I.1) Name and addresses

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I.1) Name and addresses

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I.1) Name and addresses

North Somerset Council

Weston-Super-Mare

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United Kingdom

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Main address

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I.1) Name and addresses

Plymouth City Council

Plymouth

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United Kingdom

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Internet address(es)

Main address

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I.1) Name and addresses

South Gloucestershire Council

Bristol

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United Kingdom

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I.1) Name and addresses

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Swindon

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United Kingdom

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I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

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

For the Design and Delivery of a Post Graduate Diploma in Social Work Programme (Step Up to Social Work)

Reference number

DN471241

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

'Step Up to Social Work' is a DfE funded initiative with 6 previous national cohorts of students having been taken through the programme at Masters level. Cohort 7, due to commence in January 2022 will be the fourth cohort to be made available in the South West region, delivering at Post Graduate Diploma level. However, we anticipate that successful Higher Education Institution(s) (HEI(s)) will offer a self-funding pathway through to a full MA, should students wish to progress. This Contract is being procured on behalf of the following organisations.

- Somerset County Council (lead authority)
- South Gloucestershire Council
- Bath and North East Somerset Council
- Swindon Borough Council
- North Somerset Council
- Bristol City Council
- Devon County Council
- Plymouth City Council
- Torbay Council
- Cornwall Council

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £609,060

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80300000 - Higher education services
- 80510000 - Specialist training services

- 80530000 - Vocational training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

In summary, the overall programme will cover and be mapped to the following;

- The bespoke programme should provide the necessary academic, taught and practice based social work education to practise as a Social Work England registered Social Worker at a minimum of Newly Qualified Social Worker (NQSW) level.
- The programme will give the students access to the academic input, practice-based skills and experiences, values and capabilities at threshold standards of professional practice, as a minimum. The programme will prepare students to successfully achieve and claim their qualification, and to apply for Social Work England (or successor regulatory body) registration.
- The knowledge and skills for child and family social work:

II.2.5) Award criteria

Cost criterion - Name: Total Cost for Programme for 60 trainees / Weighting: 20%

Cost criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80%

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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2020/S 193-467876](#)

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

9 March 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The University of the West of England, Bristol

Frenchay Campus, Coldharbour Lane,

Bristol

BS16 1QY

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)

Total value of the contract/lot: £609,060

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Somerset County Council

County Hall

Taunton

TA1 4DY

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