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Tender

Re-opening of the South Ayrshire Local Employability Partnership (SALEP) Trusted Partner Flexible Framework Agreement (FFA)

South Ayrshire Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-050ae1

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

South Ayrshire Council

County Buildings, Wellington Square

Ayr

KA7 1DR

Email

procurement@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

Telephone

+44 3001230900

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM94 - South Ayrshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/procurement/>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00405

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/esop/pts-host/public/pts/web/login.html>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/esop/pts-host/public/pts/web/login.html>

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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

Re-opening of the South Ayrshire Local Employability Partnership (SALEP) Trusted Partner Flexible Framework Agreement (FFA)

Reference number

CE-13-24

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80521000 - Training programme services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

South Ayrshire Council are re-opening the South Ayrshire Local Employability Partnership (SALEP) Trusted Partner Flexible Framework Agreement (FFA) and are seeking submissions from suitably qualified and experienced training providers, the third sector and other organisations to supplement its existing Flexible Framework Agreement to deliver all-age, person-centred programme of support to those looking to gain the relevant skills and knowledge to progress to meaningful, sustainable employment.

The previously advertised Flexible Framework Agreement, which commenced on 26th November 2025, allows for re-opening to new Service Providers / Training Providers.

The scope of the Flexible Framework falls within the 'Social and Other Specific Services' category and is subject to the procurement regimes set out under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

As such, this "Light Touch Regime" allows a flexible approach which will permit New Entrants to submit tender offers for inclusion of Services on the FFA.

In accordance with its terms, the FFA is now being re-opened for New Entrants to be admitted under the same requirements as the original tender exercise and as noted herein.

If you are a Service Provider / Training Provider who is already appointed to the Flexible Framework Agreement, you are NOT required to resubmit to remain on the FFA.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80500000 - Training services
- 80521000 - Training programme services
- 80570000 - Personal development training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM94 - South Ayrshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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herein.

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Yes – further notices for any future generation of this Flexible Framework Agreement are expected to be published circa September 2027.

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: No

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

N/A

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

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

Date

6 June 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

6 June 2025

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: Yes – further notices for any future generation of this Flexible Framework Agreement are expected to be published circa September 2027.

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 29085. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

This procurement will include a Community Benefit requirement.

It has become clear that there is scope within the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 which applies to public contracts, to use contracts to deliver wider social benefits such as:

- Targeted recruitment and training (providing employment and training opportunities/Apprenticeships)
- SME and social enterprise development
- Community engagement

As part of your tender response, Tenderers are requested to provide an outline of all community benefits they can offer for this contract.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Ayr Sheriff Court

Ayr

Country

United Kingdom