

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/019832-2024>

Tender

## **South Ayrshire Local Employability Partnership (SALEP) Trusted Partner Flexible Framework Agreement (FFA)**

South Ayrshire Council

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-019832

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-047875

Published 28 June 2024, 2:54pm

### **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](mailto: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](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>

**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**

South Ayrshire Local Employability Partnership (SALEP) Trusted Partner Flexible Framework Agreement (FFA)

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

- 800000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

South Ayrshire Council, as the Lead Accountable Body and Lead Partner of the Local Employability Partnership (LEP), is seeking to work in partnership with training providers, the third sector and other organisations to utilise funding that will deliver an all-age, person-centred programme of support to those looking to gain the relevant skills and knowledge to progress to meaningful, sustainable employment. In doing so, South Ayrshire Council has a requirement to establish a Multi-Provider, Flexible Framework Agreement (FFA) to deliver varied programmes covering the 5 stage employability pipeline. The procurement is being carried out in accordance with The Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 under the "Light Touch Regime.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 80500000 - Training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM94 - South Ayrshire

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

South Ayrshire Council, as the Lead Accountable Body and Lead Partner of the Local Employability Partnership (LEP), is seeking to work in partnership with training providers, the third sector and other organisations to utilise funding that will deliver an all-age, person-centred programme of support to those looking to gain the relevant skills and knowledge to progress to meaningful, sustainable employment.

In doing so, South Ayrshire Council has a requirement to establish a Multi-Provider, Flexible Framework Agreement (FFA) to deliver varied programmes covering the 5 stage employability pipeline. The procurement is being carried out in accordance with The Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 under the "Light Touch Regime.

### **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

1+1+1+1 until 31st March 2028

#### **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

Please refer to Procurement documents

##### **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.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

Please refer to Procurement documents

---

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

Date

2 August 2024

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

2 August 2024

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 26606. 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:

Please refer to Procurement documents

(SC Ref:770913)

## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Ayr Sheriff Court

Ayr

Country

United Kingdom