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Connect to Work Programme

Buckinghamshire Council

F14: Notice for changes or additional information

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-020399

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04e60f

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Connect to Work Programme

Reference number

DN759423

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80570000 - Personal development training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Buckinghamshire: A place with a future-focused, agile and dynamic employment and skills system that assures the needs of employers, individuals and communities are met in order to contribute to the growth and productivity of the local economy.

Buckinghamshire Council expects to support 720 individuals (at the peak) at an anticipated cost of up to £2.5million in the peak year, delivered over an initial three-year

period, with the opportunity to extend to 5 years.

Connect to Work will help connect local work, health and skills support and help eligible participants to secure sustainable work through a voluntary supported employment model, adhering to Individual Placement & Support (IPS) and Supported Employment Quality Framework (SEQF) frameworks. Through this, Connect to Work will expand the use of the proven five stage Supported Employment model of 'place, train and maintain'.

How will it be managed and delivered?

Buckinghamshire Council is the Accountable Body for Connect to Work. Working with the Department for Work and Pensions, Buckinghamshire Council will oversee the Connect to Work programme including procuring and managing delivery partner to provide sufficient high-quality support to participants and employers to make the programme a success.

Our ambition is to deliver this programme in partnership with one high-quality provider, who is able to meet set targets for supporting economically inactive adults in Buckinghamshire into work.

We are looking for one delivery partner with considerable and demonstrable experience of providing supported employment programmes which deliver to both individuals with complex barriers, and employers who will provide the sustainable jobs. Partner that succeed in the selection process, must either already deliver IPS and SEQF, have robust training plans or intend to deliver both models in a consortium or subcontracting model which is clearly demonstrated in the application process.

Further, the successful bidder must show developed relationships with employers within Buckinghamshire (or a commutable distance given the target audience) with the ability to identify employment opportunities and support employers to provide successful, sustainable job outcomes.

Further information about the programme and monitoring arrangements which will be required of partner can be found in the:

Connect to Work: Grant Guidance for England - GOV.UK

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/connect-to-work/connect-to-work-grant-guidance-for-england>

Further information regarding IPS and SEQF delivery models is available below:

IPS Grow provides more information about the IPS model, its approach and impact: About IPS - IPS Grow- <https://ipsgrow.org.uk/about/>

BASE provides more information on the SEQF fidelity model, it's approach and impact

here: Quality in Supported Employment Delivery | British Association for Supported Employment -

https://www.base-uk.org/SEQF_Model_Fidelity#:~:text=The%20Supported%20Employment%20Quality%20Framework%20%28SEQF%29%20was%20created,in%202017%20as%20part%20of%20an%20ERASMUS%20Project.

The Council is conducting the procurement under the "Open Regime" in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR 2015).

This tender aim is to provide the full tender documentation suite by the 12th May 2025 on the Council's portal - <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/buckinghamshire-council>

Please note that this will allow bidders at least 30 days to review, ask clarification questions and submit their bids timely by the bid submission deadline of 26th June 2025.

If there are any further delays in making the full tender documentation available we will in due course delay the bid submission deadline accordingly to ensure that bidders have at least 30 days to allow them to review, ask clarifications and submit their bids.

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.6) Original notice reference

Notice number: [2025/S 000-006594](#)

Section VII. Changes

VII.1.2) Text to be corrected in the original notice

Section number

II.1.4

Place of text to be modified

6th, 7th, 8th, 9th 10th and 11th paragraph of this section in original notice

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