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Contract

## **One-to-one Tuition Services Framework - Virtual School and College**

Portsmouth City Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-046f47

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/ext/business/business.aspx>

Buyer's address

<https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/ext/business/business.aspx>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

One-to-one Tuition Services Framework - Virtual School and College

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

## Services

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

Portsmouth City Council ('the Council') has terminated the tender, prior to the tender return deadline, for the provision of one-to-one tuition services in relation to Portsmouth's Virtual School and College. The reasoning for the discontinuation of this current tender, is due to several factors related to clarifications raised by providers during the clarification stage.

The Council have concluded that in order to accurately portray the requirements of this proposed framework, many amendments would need to be made to the ITT, Service specification and FTS (Find a Tender) notice, and the Council does not wish to rely on responses to the clarification log, in order to put these changes into effect, as this may not offer a transparent process moving forward during the evaluation and award stages, and we wish to offer a fair, clear and comprehensive opportunity for all providers who are looking to submit a bid for the opportunity of joining this framework.

Additionally, it has been noted that that many key Council officers involved in this tender and the evaluation of bids will be unavailable over the summer period, which is why the tender will need to be pushed back to the Autumn period at the earliest. Delaying the tender will also help to ensure any clarifications raised can be answered accurately, with the assistance of virtual school and college colleagues, as this will align with their availability at the time.

To counter these issues, we are proposing that the current active tender is withdrawn, and a new updated tender is published later this year.

The updated tender will aim to clearly define provider's requirements in relation to face-to-face and online tuition delivery (this may now involve lots), in addition to more transparent procedures regarding service rates and uplifts, amongst other queries raised. This will allow for fair competition when evaluating bids and will ensure all providers are given equal opportunities.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 80100000 - Primary education services
- 80200000 - Secondary education services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

Main site or place of performance

Portsmouth and surrounding areas.

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

The indicative timetable for the re-tender is as follows. Whilst the Council does not intend to depart from it, it reserves the right to do so at any time.

- 1 Contract notice published on FTS 30th August 2024
- 2 Procurement documents available on In-tend 30th August 2024
- 3 Deadline for requests for clarification 20th September 2024 at 23:59
- 4 Tender return deadline 8th October 2024 at midday
- 5 Evaluation of tenders completed 22nd October 2024
- 6 Award decision notified to tenderers 5th November 2024
- 7 Standstill period starts 6th November 2024
- 8 Standstill period ends 18th November 2024
- 9 Framework Award Date 19th November 2024
- 10 Framework Commencement 1st January 2025

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Form of procedure**

Open procedure

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2024/S 000-018126](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

A contract/lot is awarded: No

### **V.1) Information on non-award**

The contract/lot is not awarded

Other reasons (discontinuation of procedure)

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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