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Planning

The City of Liverpool College - Creation of a Partnership Framework (Closed)

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Scope

Reference

T: 2024 - 016

Description

The City of Liverpool College are seeking to establish a framework to work with a number of suitable training providers to deliver a variety of qualifications and/or programmes. The process will involve the completion of this ITT document, the College will judge each application against the scoring matrix detailed within this ITT document.

Please note that there is a Pass/Fail element within this tender, providers must have demonstrate/evidence the following:

- Providers with a current full inspection outcome of 'outstanding' or 'good', if applicable

- Ofsted monitoring visits judgements of 'reasonable' and 'significant' progress, if applicable

The framework will consist of 3 x separate lots and will operate on a ranking system. To be accepted on the Framework providers will be required to score a minimum of 70% against the defined criteria. Training providers must identify which lot they are responding to and ensure that they complete the relevant tab on the Appendix B Scoring matrix, failure to complete this part will result in your bid being rejected. The College will only move forwards with a maximum of the top 5 ranked providers, (minimum score of 70%).

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UKD72 - Liverpool

Not the same for all lots

Contract dates are shown in Lot sections, because they are not the same for all lots.

Lot 1. HE Provision

Description

PARTNERSHIPS BRIEF

Lot 1: HE Provision

- HNC & HND Musical Theatre for 2026/27
- HNC & HND Dance Training for 2026/27
- HND Computing for England for 2026/27 - 2 year course
- HND Game Development for 2026/27 - 2 year course

The College is seeking suitable training providers to deliver qualifications and/or programmes eligible for HE funding via the Student Loans Company, under the following general rules:

- All the provision must be delivered in the funding year specified, unless specified above as a 2 year course, there is currently no scope to carry forward any funding to the following year. All the learning aims and learners must be eligible for HE funding via the Student Loans Company in relevant year.
- Delivery within the curriculum areas specified above.
- Providers wishing to apply for this opportunity must have a track record of successful subcontract delivery of qualifications.
- The training must be delivered in full by the contracted training provider, i.e. only one level of subcontracting is permitted, and no second level subcontracting is permitted.
- The Subcontractor, if awarded the contract, will be responsible for the recruitment of all learners, the delivery of training, the premises and resources required to deliver the training, awarding body accreditation and associated fees.
- The quality of provision will be paramount as the College will retain responsibility to the

Office for Students for programme quality.

The management fee retained by the College will not generally exceed 25% as set out in our subcontracting policy.

Providers will be required to confirm compliance with the subcontractor requirements with the conditions of registration with Office for Students.

Awards under the framework will range from £100,000 to £600,000 maximum contract value.

Lot value (estimated)

- £500,000 excluding VAT
- £600,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2026 to 31 July 2028
- 2 years

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract locations are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. • Non-Devolved Adult Skills Fund (Subcontracting) DfE

Description

Lot 2: Non-Devolved Adult Skills Fund (Subcontracting)

The College is seeking suitable training providers to deliver qualifications and/or programmes eligible for funding under the College's Adult Skills Fund contract on its behalf, under the following general rules:

- All the provision must be delivered in the funding year specified; there is currently no scope to carry forward any funding to 2026/27. All the learning aims and learners must be eligible for DfE Adult Skills Funded (ASF) in 2025/26.
- Providers wishing to apply for this opportunity must have an active UKPRN and must have a track record of successful subcontract delivery of qualifications.
- The training must be delivered in full by the contracted training provider, i.e., only one level of subcontracting is permitted, and no second level subcontracting is permitted.
- The Subcontractor, if awarded the contract, will be responsible for the recruitment of all learners, the delivery of training, the premises and resources required to deliver the training, awarding body accreditation and associated fees.
- The quality of provision will be paramount as the College will retain responsibility to DfE and OFSTED for programme quality.
- Providers with a current full inspection outcome of 'outstanding' or 'good', if applicable
- Ofsted monitoring visits judgements of 'reasonable' and 'significant' progress, if applicable
- Subcontractor must have Matrix accreditation.

The management fee retained by the College will not generally exceed 20% as set out in our subcontracting policy.

Awards under the framework will range from £40,000 to £75,000 maximum contract value.

Lot value (estimated)

- £62,500 excluding VAT
- £750,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2026
- 1 year

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract locations are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 3. • Level 3 Free Courses for Jobs (Subcontracting)

Description

Lot 3: Free Courses for Jobs funding for Health and Social Care courses

Funded by Level 3 Free Courses for Jobs funding in the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority area in line with our subcontracting strategy.

The College is seeking suitable training providers to deliver qualifications and/or programmes eligible for funding under the College's Level 3 Free Courses for Jobs funding contract on its behalf, under the following general rules:

- All the provision must be delivered in the 2025/26 funding year; there is currently no scope to carry forward any funding to 2026/27. All the learning aims and learners must be eligible for Level 3 Free Courses for Jobs funding in 2025/26 year (in line with DfE guidance using the approved the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority list of eligible courses) with the learner resident within the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority area to be eligible for funding through this contract.
- Providers wishing to apply for this opportunity must have an active UKPRN and must have a proven record of successful subcontract delivery of qualifications.

- The training must be delivered in full by the contracted training provider, i.e., only one level of subcontracting is permitted, and no second level subcontracting is permitted.
- The Subcontractor, if awarded the contract, will be responsible for the recruitment of all learners, the delivery of training, the premises and resources required to deliver the training, awarding body accreditation and associated fees.
- The quality of provision will be paramount as the College will retain responsibility to Liverpool City Region Combined Authority and OFSTED for programme quality.
- Providers with a current full inspection outcome of 'outstanding' or 'good', if applicable
- Ofsted monitoring visits judgements of 'reasonable' and 'significant' progress, if applicable
- Subcontractor must have Matrix accreditation.
- The management fee retained by the College will not generally exceed 20% as set out in our subcontracting policy.
- Providers will be required to confirm compliance with the subcontractor requirements with the conditions of registration with Office for Students.

Awards under the framework will range from £100,000 t

Lot value (estimated)

- £300,000 excluding VAT
- £360,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2026
- 1 year

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract locations are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Further information about fees

Note that the College will remain responsible for ongoing quality assurance activities and will charge a management fee, usually at 20% unless agreed otherwise.

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. HE Provision

Lot 2. • Non-Devolved Adult Skills Fund (Subcontracting) DfE

Lot 3. • Level 3 Free Courses for Jobs (Subcontracting)

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

16 May 2025

Enquiry deadline

12 June 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

13 June 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

All interested providers must register on the College's In-Tend portal via the following link to be able to download the documents once they are published later this week.

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/tcolc.aspx/Home>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

30 June 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
Delivery Plan	Information to be submitted on Appendix B - Please complete a tab for each lot you are applying for.	Quality
Quality	Affiliations/Registrations Principal activities Experience in education Achievement Progression Quality management Staff experience & CV's/qualification evidence for staff Copy of latest annual accounts Quality evidence from awarding bodies 2 x External references from professionals/providers you have previously worked with, including quality delivery & outcomes	Quality
Environmental & Corporate Responsibility	Policy including willingness to implement change. Evidence of carbon reduction or plastic reduction action taken e.g. in the organisation of, or the vehicles used in the delivery	Quality

Name	Description	Type
Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion	Demonstrable understanding of the positive impact equality, diversity and inclusion bring to an organisation, with EDI considerations embedded into the student experience. Evidence of the organisational policies held.	Quality

Weighting description

Delivery Plan

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

The City of Liverpool College

- UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number): 10003955

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZGX-5416-YRGY

The City of Liverpool College

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