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Contract

## **CWC24001 - SPF Employment Support Provision**

Wolverhampton City Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-021342

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-043794

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

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

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Wolverhampton

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKG - West Midlands (England)

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk>

**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**

CWC24001 - SPF Employment Support Provision

Reference number

DN706288

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UK SPF) is a central pillar of the UK government's Levelling Up agenda and provides £2.6 billion of funding for local investment by March 2025. The Fund aims to improve pride in place and increase life chances across the UK investing in communities and place, supporting local business, and people and skills.

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1. Communities and Place
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The provision will add to the Council's Wolves at Work employment support programme, providing enhanced support to those who are further from the job market and providing wrap-around support to those who need it most.

The provider(s) will be required to work closely with the Council provision to ensure best value is delivered to unemployed and economically inactive residents, including links to the Council's other skills and employment programmes.

#### **Lot 1 - Improvement to Health**

This lot will focus on individuals who have health and wellbeing needs. This includes physical and/or mental health needs.

The provider will be expected to provide employment support tailored to support participants to improve their health and wellbeing.

Providers should focus their resources on ensuring that the individuals access health and wellbeing support during their journey into work as well as receiving support from the provider to access benefits and services suitable for them.

## Lot 2 - Increase Inclusion

This lot will focus on individuals who are excluded from the labour market due to a range of issues including lack of confidence, poor English skills, poor financial inclusion, lack of access to the benefits system.

The provider will be expected to provide employment support tailored to support participants to improve their inclusion, particularly in regard to accessing benefits, employability and basic skills.

Providers should focus their resources on ensuring that the individuals access suitable support to improve their confidence and interpersonal skills as well as support with financial inclusion.

## Lot 3 - Improve Employability Skills

This lot will focus on individuals with low employability skills who require extra support to make themselves more employable in the current labour market.

The provider will be expected to provide employment support tailored to support participants to improve their potential employment opportunities through regular meetings with their keyworker, focussed jobs searching support and support with interview skills.

Providers should focus their resources on ensuring that the individuals access suitable support to prepare for jobs in the current labour market.

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Lowest offer: £1 / Highest offer: £406,000 taken into consideration

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 - Improvement to Health

Lot No

1

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 85300000 - Social work and related services

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKG3 - West Midlands

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

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### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £150,000

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2 - Increase Inclusion

Lot No

2

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

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

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Lot 3 - Improvement to Employability Skills

Lot No

3

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

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

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NUTS codes

- UKG3 - West Midlands

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#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £106,000

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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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 000-003901](#)

#### **IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice**

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

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

### **Contract No**

CWC24001

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

Lot 1 - Improve Health

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 9

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 9

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Business 2 Business UK Limited

Aquis House, 211 Belgrave Gate

Leicester

LE1 3HT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG3 - West Midlands

The contractor is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £150,000

Lowest offer: £1 / Highest offer: £150,000 taken into consideration

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

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

Lot 2 - Increased Inclusion

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## **V.2) Award of contract**

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 11

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 11

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Business 2 Business UK Limited

Aquis House, 211 Belgrave Gate

Leicester

LE1 3HT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG3 - West Midlands

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £150,000

Lowest offer: £1 / Highest offer: £150,000 taken into consideration

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**Section V. Award of contract**

**Lot No**

3

**Title**

Lot 3 - Improvement to Employability Skills

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## **V.2) Award of contract**

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 13

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 13

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Business 2 Business UK Limited

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LE1 3HT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG3 - West Midlands

The contractor is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £106,000

Lowest offer: £1 / Highest offer: £106,000 taken into consideration

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

The City of Wolverhampton Council

Wolverhampton

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

The City of Wolverhampton Council

Wolverhampton

Country

United Kingdom