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Tender

ID 5827234 - DfE - ApprenticeshipsNI 2025 Programme (Apps25)

Department for the Economy

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Scope

Reference

ID 5827234

Description

The Department for the Economy (DfE) is seeking suppliers for the delivery of ApprenticeshipsNI 2025 (Apps25) programme. The Apps25 programme provides Level 2 and Level 3 apprenticeship training provision for employed people who are contracted to work a minimum of 21 hours or more per week. The programme provides an opportunity to work towards completing an industry approved apprenticeship framework at Level 2 and/or Level 3. The core components of the framework include Employee Rights and Responsibilities, a relevant competence-based qualification, a knowledge-based qualification (or a combined qualification, as appropriate), and Essential Skills, if required. The Buyer will fund the cost of the off-the-job training up to the amounts specified in the pricing schedule for all eligible apprentices, and across all supported sectors at Levels 2 and 3. Suppliers should refer to the Specification Schedule for details.

Total value (estimated)

- £180,000,000 excluding VAT
- £216,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2029
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80210000 - Technical and vocational secondary education services
- 80211000 - Technical secondary education services
- 80212000 - Vocational secondary education services
- 80310000 - Youth education services
- 80330000 - Safety education services
- 80340000 - Special education services
- 80500000 - Training services
- 80520000 - Training facilities

- 80521000 - Training programme services
- 80530000 - Vocational training services
- 80531000 - Industrial and technical training services
- 80531100 - Industrial training services
- 80531200 - Technical training services
- 80532000 - Management training services
- 80533000 - Computer-user familiarisation and training services
- 80533100 - Computer training services
- 80533200 - Computer courses
- 80540000 - Environmental training services
- 80550000 - Safety training services
- 80560000 - Health and first-aid training services
- 80561000 - Health training services
- 80570000 - Personal development training services

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Participation

Technical ability conditions of participation

As per Tender documentation.

Submission

Enquiry deadline

13 June 2025, 3:00pm

Tender submission deadline

23 June 2025, 3:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Tenders must be submitted electronically via the relevant Call for Tender (CfT) opportunity on eTendersNI, website details immediately below.

Paper submissions will not be accepted or considered and will be rejected by the Contracting Authority / Buyer.

The tender documents are available with unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: URL <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

28 July 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
AC1 - Compliance with Completion of the Bid Spreadsheet	As per Tender documentation.	Quality
AC2 - Teaching and Learning	As per Tender documentation.	Quality
AC3 - Staffing	As per Tender documentation.	Quality
AC4 - Resource Access	As per Tender documentation.	Quality
AC5 - Leadership and Management	As per Tender documentation.	Quality
AC6 - Partnerships	As per Tender documentation.	Quality
AC7 - Social Value	As per Tender documentation.	Quality

Weighting description

Qualitative Criteria 100%

Other information**Payment terms**

For further details on invoicing procedures please see : <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/articles/account-ni-good-invoicing-practice>

Contract Value

The estimated value figure indicated in the Scope Section represents an overall estimated

contract value. This value reflects the potential scale of the contract. Neither CPD nor the contracting Authority can provide any guarantee as to the level of business under this contract. The Contracting Authority does not bind itself to accept any tender. Suppliers remain responsible for all costs and expenses incurred by them or by any third party acting under instructions from the Supplier in connection with taking part in this procurement process regardless of whether such costs arise as a consequence, directly or indirectly of any amendments made to the procurement documents by the Contracting Authority at any time. No legally binding contract shall arise (and a Supplier shall have no legitimate expectation that a contract will be entered into) until such time as entry into the Contract has been confirmed by the Contracting Authority.

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Department for the Economy

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZXX-5679-MBYZ

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Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

CPD - Supplies & Services Division

Summary of their role in this procurement: Construction and Procurement Delivery -

Supplies and Services Division, is a Centre of Procurement Expertise and provides a central procurement function for central government in Northern Ireland

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVWG-8426-YWXV

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Contact organisation

Contact [CPD - Supplies & Services Division](#) for any enquiries.