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## **Business Support for Blackpool Council Business Growth Team**

Blackpool Council

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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**Region code**

UKD42 - Blackpool

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://procontract.due-north.com>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com>

**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**

## Business Support for Blackpool Council Business Growth Team

Reference number

DN669399

### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

In April 2022, the Business Growth Team was allocated funding from the government's Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) to deliver a series of capital and revenue projects under the themes of people and skills, supporting local businesses, and community and place. The schemes will provide a wide range of support from physical town centre regeneration, through to direct business support, encouraging existing and new business development. £1.2 million has been allocated to supporting local businesses through a variety of schemes, including enhanced business support to increase entrepreneur and business engagement. The council will administer the projects and some will be delivered through a variety of external organisations and commissioning arrangements like this.

Blackpool Council's Business Growth Team (BGT) is seeking proposals from interested and qualified organisations to deliver the Business Support element of its services. The BGT delivers a range of business support services to contribute to the economic regeneration of Blackpool. The Business Support Element services are currently divided into two main elements

- Start-up business support providing workshops and masterclasses on key topics as well as 1-2-1 mentoring support for those considering starting a business, with a focus on those in the first three years of operation.
- Growth business support aiming to provide support to more established businesses, assisting them to develop and implement growth plans leading to investment and job creation.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £600,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKD42 - Blackpool

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

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Cost criterion - Name: Budget utilisation / Weighting: 40

Cost criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Cost criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 20

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000

## **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

18

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This project is currently only funded to March 2025. The budget available up until this date is £400,000. The Authority is including an option to extend should future funding become available to continue this service.

There will be an option to extend the contract by up to a further 36 months of which it may be:

- A 3 month extension for Monitoring services only (this will not be SPF funded);
- Up to a 36 month delivery extension;
- Both of the above (the initial 3 months being monitoring and delivery and the remaining 33 months being delivery only).

Please note any extension of the service is subject to additional funding being secured, is subject to satisfactory performance and at the discretion of the Authority.

## **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

## **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

## **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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

7 September 2023

Local time

4:30pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

7 September 2023

Local time

4:30pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

High Court of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom