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Contract

Adult Skills Level 3 Targeted Offer

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

GMCA Offices, 1st Floor, Churchgate House, 56 Oxford Street

Manchester

M1 6EU

Contact

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ewsframework@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Adult Skills Level 3 Targeted Offer

Reference number

DN661387

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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To improve the skills of residents and be more productive or retrain to find a better job

supporting in-work progression for adults into higher level careers, adapting to changing employer needs.

Occupational skills gaps to support our business needs, providing employers with a locally skilled workforce.

This opportunity was commissioned as a further competition/call off from the education, work and skills flexible procurement system.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £4,917,956.77

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Learning Delivery Approach / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Strategic Approach / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Track Record and Quality / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Engagement and Stakeholder Management / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Performance Management and Monitoring / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 20

Cost criterion - Name: Financial Value for Money / Weighting: 15

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted 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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2020/S 175-423970](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Title

Adult Skills Level 3 Targeted Offer

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 June 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 17

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Growth Company Limited

Lee House, 90 Great Bridgewater Street

Manchester

M1 5JW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £710,692

Section V. Award of contract

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V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 June 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 17

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Standguide Limited

Unit G, Street Central, 1 Clarence Arcade Stamford Street

Ashton-Under-Lyne

OL6 7PT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £724,256.53

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 June 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 17

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Bright Direction Training Limited

Regency House, 45-51 Chorley New Road

Bolton

BL1 4QR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £185,640

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 June 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 17

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Plato Training UK Ltd

Unit 3 Wilkinson Court, Wrexham Industrial Estate

Wrexham

LL13 9AE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL2 - East Wales

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £979,939.10

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 June 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 17

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Realise Learning and Employment Limited

First Floor, Cygnet House, 1 Jenkin Road

Sheffield

S9 1AT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £772,540

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 June 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 17

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Gloucestershire College

Cheltenham Campus, Princess Elizabeth Way

Gloucestershire

GL51 7SJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK - South West (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £325,134

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 June 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 17

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Back 2 Work Complete Training Limited

Universal Square

Manchester

M12 6JH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £286,881.14

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 June 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 17

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Total People Limited

Group House, King Street

Cheshire

CW10 9LZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £351,814

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 June 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 17

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

DMR Training & Consultancy Ltd

87-89 Church Street

Leigh

WN7 1AZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £250,941

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 June 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 17

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Workers' Educational Association

4 Luke Street

London

EC2A 4XW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £330,119

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland)

London

Country

United Kingdom