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Planning

## **Market Engagement for Commissioning Refugee and Asylum Seeker, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) provision.**

Suffolk County Council

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

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

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**NUTS code**

UKH14 - Suffolk

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.suffolksourcing.uk](http://www.suffolksourcing.uk)

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**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**

Market Engagement for Commissioning Refugee and Asylum Seeker, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) provision.

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

- 80580000 - Provision of language courses

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

Services

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

Suffolk County Council is responsible, as part of the Home Office funding instructions for the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme and Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy and the United Kingdom Resettlement Scheme, for ensuring adult refugees arriving in Suffolk under these schemes are able to access a minimum of 8 hours per week of Formal Language Training (ESOL). In addition, Suffolk County Council works with partners to provide ESOL provision for asylum seekers living in Suffolk. Suffolk County Council need providers in place that can offer the right level of ESOL provision for refugees and asylum seekers, in the right areas, to enable them to progress towards the level of proficiency needed to function in their everyday lives, encourage integration, and move towards self-sufficiency.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services
- 80500000 - Training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk

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

Under Home Office funding guidelines for the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme, Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy and the United Kingdom Resettlement Scheme, Suffolk County Council must ensure that adult refugees have access to a minimum of 8 hours per week of formal language training (ESOL provision) until they reach Entry Level 3 or for at least 12 months after their arrival in the UK. Additionally, we work with partners to provide ESOL services for asylum seekers living in Suffolk. This framework is being developed to enable additional ESOL to be provided across Suffolk in instances where bespoke sessions are required. It does not seek to duplicate existing provision which is funded via other grants.

**Framework Agreement Overview**

A Framework Agreement sets out terms and conditions under which specific purchases (call-offs) can be made during its term without guaranteeing any minimum purchase volumes.

**Key Points:**

- **No Guaranteed Volume:** Sets terms for future purchases without guaranteeing minimum volumes.
- **Terms and Conditions:** Pre-agreed terms including pricing, quality standards, delivery and payment terms.
- **Tender Process:** Suppliers submit bids evaluated based on price, quality and social value. Successful suppliers are awarded a place on the framework.
- **Agreement Signing:** Successful suppliers sign the framework agreement outlining terms and conditions.
- **Call-Off Orders:** Issued when specific goods, services or works are required.
- **Direct Award:** Contracts may be directly awarded based on predetermined terms, depending on service location within Suffolk.

We would welcome your input to our Market Engagement exercise by asking you to complete a provider questionnaire. This will help us further understand the market capabilities.

<https://forms.office.com/e/z3rRjp4Jm4The> questionnaire represents stage 1 of the market engagement process – dependent on the level of interest, stage 2 may include an opportunity to discuss the requirements via MS Teams event.

Please respond to the questionnaire by 16th August 2024. This request does not constitute a call for competition to procure any services.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

18 September 2024

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes