

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/024201-2024>

Tender

Framework for the Delivery of Employment Academies

Belfast City Council

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council

Ards and North Down Borough Council

Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council

Derry City and Strabane District Council

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council

Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council

Mid and East Antrim Borough Council

Mid Ulster District Council

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-024201

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-043705

Published 1 August 2024, 4:22pm

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Belfast City Council

9 - 21 Adelaide Street

Belfast

BT2 8DJ

Email

cps@belfastcity.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN06 - Belfast

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.belfastcity.gov.uk

I.1) Name and addresses

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council

Banbridge

Email

cps@belfastcity.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN07 - Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk>

I.1) Name and addresses

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council

Newtownabbey

Email

cps@belfastcity.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN0D - Antrim and Newtownabbey

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk>

I.1) Name and addresses

Ards and North Down Borough Council

Town Hall, The Castle

Bangor

BT20 4BT

Email

cps@belfastcity.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN09 - Ards and North Down

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk>

I.1) Name and addresses

Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council

Coleraine

Email

cps@belfastcity.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN0C - Causeway Coast and Glens

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/>

I.1) Name and addresses

Derry City and Strabane District Council

Council offices, 98 Strand Road

Derry

BT48 7NN

Email

cps@belfastcity.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN0A - Derry City and Strabane

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.derrystrabane.com>

I.1) Name and addresses

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council

The Townhall, 2 Townhall Street

Enniskillen

BT74 7BA

Email

cps@belfastcity.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN0G - Fermanagh and Omagh

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.fermanaghomagh.com>

I.1) Name and addresses

Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council

Lisburn

Email

cps@belfastcity.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN0E - Lisburn and Castlereagh

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk>

I.1) Name and addresses

Mid and East Antrim Borough Council

Ballymena

Email

cps@belfastcity.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN0F - Mid and East Antrim

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/>

I.1) Name and addresses

Mid Ulster District Council

Cookstown

Email

cps@belfastcity.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN0B - Mid Ulster

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.midulstercouncil.org>

I.1) Name and addresses

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

District Council Offices, O'Hagan House, Monaghan Row

Newry

BT35 8DJ

Email

cps@belfastcity.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN08 - Newry, Mourne and Down

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.newrymournedown.org>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

In the case of joint procurement involving different countries, state applicable national procurement law

UK and NI

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

<https://e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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

Framework for the Delivery of Employment Academies

Reference number

T2474

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This tender is for a Framework to deliver various Employment Academies. The Framework will be split into the following Lots/sub-lots:

- Lot 1 – Care Sector Employment Academies:
 - o Sub lot 1a: Health, Social Care
 - o Sub lot 1b: Education and working with children
 - o Sub lot 1c: Childminding/Home Care
- Lot 2 – Customer Service Sector Employment Academies: Leisure, hospitality, tourism and retail
- Lot 3 – Practical Sector Employment Academies:
 - o Sub lot 3a: Transport
 - o Sub lot 3b: Fibre optics
 - o Sub lot 3c: Construction
- Lot 4 – Professional Services Sector Employment Academies:

o Sub lot 4a: Technology

o Sub lot 4b: Business services (administration, finance etc)

• Lot 5 – Irish Medium Employment Academies: Range of sectors with identified job demand, with delivery in Irish Medium

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £9,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 3

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Care Sectors: Health & Social Care Employment Academies

Lot No

Lot 1a

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

• 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UKN06 - Belfast

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 1a of the framework will be to award a preferred supplier to deliver health and social care employment academies.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Framework Agreement shall be for a period of three years with the option to renew for a further year subject to budget approvals and satisfactory performance of the Contractor

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Optional services may be required throughout the duration of this Framework Agreement. Details of Optional Services can be found in Schedule 1 of the tender documents.

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

Care Sectors: Education and Working with Children Employment Academies

Lot No

Lot 1b

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN06 - Belfast

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 1b of the framework will be to award a preferred supplier to deliver education and working with children employment academies.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Framework Agreement shall be for a period of three years with the option to renew for a further year subject to budget approvals and satisfactory performance of the Contractor

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Optional services may be required throughout the duration of this Framework Agreement. Details of Optional Services can be found in Schedule 1 of the tender documents.

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

Customer Service Sectors: Leisure, Hospitality, Tourism and Retail Employment Academies

Lot No

Lot 2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN06 - Belfast

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 2 of the framework will be to award a preferred supplier to deliver various customer care employment academies, including leisure, hospitality, tourism and retail.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Framework Agreement shall be for a period of three years with the option to renew for a further year subject to budget approvals and satisfactory performance of the Contractor.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Optional services may be required throughout the duration of this Framework Agreement. Details of Optional Services can be found in Schedule 1 of the tender documents.

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

Practical Sectors: Transport Employment Academies

Lot No

3a

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN06 - Belfast

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 3a of the framework will be to award a preferred supplier to deliver transport employment academies.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Framework Agreement shall be for a period of three years with the option to renew for a further year subject to budget approvals and satisfactory performance of the Contractor.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Optional services may be required throughout the duration of this Framework Agreement. Details of Optional Services can be found in Schedule 1 of the tender documents.

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

Practical Sectors: Telecommunication and Fibre Optics Employment Academies

Lot No

3b

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN06 - Belfast

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 3b of the framework will be to award a preferred supplier to deliver telecommunication and fibre optics employment academies.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Framework Agreement shall be for a period of three years with the option to renew for a further year subject to budget approvals and satisfactory performance of the Contractor.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Optional services may be required throughout the duration of this Framework Agreement. Details of Optional Services can be found in Schedule 1 of the tender documents.

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

Practical Sectors: Construction Employment Academies

Lot No

3c

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN06 - Belfast

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 3c of the framework will be to award a preferred supplier to deliver construction employment academies.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Framework Agreement shall be for a period of three years with the option to renew for a further year subject to budget approvals and satisfactory performance of the Contractor.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Optional services may be required throughout the duration of this Framework Agreement. Details of Optional Services can be found in Schedule 1 of the tender documents.

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

Professional Service Sectors: Technology

Lot No

4a

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN06 - Belfast

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 4a of the framework will be to award a preferred supplier to delivery technology employment academies.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Framework Agreement shall be for a period of three years with the option to renew for a further year subject to budget approvals and satisfactory performance of the Contractor.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Optional services may be required throughout the duration of this Framework Agreement. Details of Optional Services can be found in Schedule 1 of the tender documents.

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

Professional Service Sectors: Business Services

Lot No

4b

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN06 - Belfast

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 4b of the framework will be to award a preferred supplier to deliver business service employment academies, including administration and finance.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Framework Agreement shall be for a period of three years with the option to renew for a further year subject to budget approvals and satisfactory performance of the Contractor.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Optional services may be required throughout the duration of this Framework Agreement. Details of Optional Services can be found in Schedule 1 of the tender documents.

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

Irish Medium Employment Academies

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN06 - Belfast

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 5 of the framework will be to award a preferred supplier to deliver Irish medium

employment academies across a range of sectors which have identified job demand.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Framework Agreement shall be for a period of three years with the option to renew for a further year subject to budget approvals and satisfactory performance of the Contractor.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Optional services may be required throughout the duration of this Framework Agreement. Details of Optional Services can be found in Schedule 1 of the tender documents.

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

Care Sectors: Childminding/Home Care

Lot No

Lot 1c

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 1c of the framework will be to award a preferred supplier to deliver childcare/ home care employment academies.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Framework Agreement shall be for a period of three years with the option to renew for a further year subject to budget approvals and satisfactory performance of the Contractor

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Optional services may be required throughout the duration of this Framework Agreement. Details of Optional Services can be found in Schedule 1 of the tender documents.

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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-003624](#)

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

Date

4 September 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

4 September 2024

Local time

12:05pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: 4 years

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

Other local NI authorities/councils can also access this Framework where local demand, need and resources are identified within their respective areas and includes the Councils listed in this notice and the tender documents.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3JF

Country

United Kingdom