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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

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

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

Belfast City Council

9 - 21 Adelaide Street

Belfast

BT2 8DJ

#### **Email**

[cps@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:cps@belfastcity.gov.uk)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKN06 - Belfast

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.belfastcity.gov.uk](http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk)

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council

Banbridge

**Email**

[cps@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:cps@belfastcity.gov.uk)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKN0F - Mid and East Antrim

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Mid Ulster District Council

Cookstown

**Email**

[cps@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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

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## **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)**

• 80000000 - 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)**

- 80000000 - 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)**

- 80000000 - 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

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: Transport Employment Academies

Lot No

3a

### **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 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)**

- 80000000 - 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)**

- 80000000 - 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)**

- 80000000 - 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

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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