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## **Adult Skills Course Delivery**

East Durham College

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKC14 - Durham CC

**UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number)**

10002111

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.edc.ac.uk>

**I.3) Communication**

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

[https://issuu.com/eastdurhamcollege/docs/itt\\_aeb\\_subcontracting\\_24-25](https://issuu.com/eastdurhamcollege/docs/itt_aeb_subcontracting_24-25)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Adult Skills Course Delivery

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

You are invited to tender for the provision of Adult Skills Course Delivery, commencing September 2024 to 31st July 2025.

East Durham College is looking to secure a maximum of two organisations to deliver adult education courses to people aged 19 years and over who live in postcodes within the North East Combined Authority area.

The contract value will be based on an 80/20 split. The full contract value will be a maximum of £450,000 - Tenderers are invited to bid for the contract amount they can effectively deliver within the specified contract requirements, it will then be at the discretion of the College to determine the split of the contract award.

Adults must live in an address with a North East Combined Authority postcode, it is not the delivery location. Provision is expected to be part-time and must be linked to the North East LEP or LSIP Strategic Aims for each area. East Durham College is seeking provision which moves adults either directly into jobs or closer to the employment market. We will not accept large volumes of employability provision or distance learning. We would expect all the funded provision to be AEB funded and not Skills for Jobs.

Providers must have experience of delivering provision to meet local skills needs and be able to provide verified data in the following areas:

- Achievement rates which are above national averages
- High levels of positive progression into employment

- History of achieving contracts in the last two years

The positive progression must be into employment, further learning or improved prospects. We are not looking to deliver generic employability programmes.

We will only look to contract with providers who have a history of delivering in the North East and they must have a permanent base in County Durham, Sunderland or Gateshead.

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

Value excluding VAT: £450,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

Main site or place of performance

Within the North East Combined Authority Area.

Providers must have a permanent base in County Durham, Sunderland or Gateshead.

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

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The training must be delivered in full by the contracted training provider, i.e. only one level of sub-contracting is permitted, and no second level subcontracting is permitted. The quality of provision and subcontractor financial health will be paramount as the College will retain responsibility to the ESFA and OFSTED for programme quality. Financial health and inspection outcomes will form important parts of the assessment process, where a credit rating is above average we may reject their tender.

The estimated contract value reflects the funding value of learning to be delivered and will be subject to a management fee which will not exceed 20%.

Providers must have experience of delivering provision to meet local skills needs and be able to provide verified data in the following areas:

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Achievement rates which are above national averages

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High levels of positive progression into employment

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History of achieving contracts in the last two years

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We will only look to contract with providers who have a history of delivering in the North East and they must have a permanent base in County Durham, Sunderland or Gateshead.

## **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**

End date

31 July 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

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

## **III.1) Conditions for participation**

### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

Providers must have experience of delivering provision to meet local skills needs and be able to provide verified data in the following areas:

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Achievement rates which are above national averages

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High levels of positive progression into employment

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History of achieving contracts in the last two years

### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria

Financial health and inspection outcomes will form important parts of the assessment process, where a credit rating is above average we may reject their tender.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

The quality of provision will be paramount as the College will retain responsibility to the ESFA and OFSTED for programme quality.

Below are minimum requirements expected:-

Achievement rates which are above national averages

High levels of positive progression into employment

History of achieving contracts in the last two years

### **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

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## **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: Yes

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

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

Date

28 August 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

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

Date

29 August 2024

Local time

12:00pm



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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

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

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United Kingdom