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Planning

Dynamic Purchasing System for the provision of the Multiply Numeracy Programme

Kent County Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<http://www.kent.gov.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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Dynamic Purchasing System for the provision of the Multiply Numeracy Programme

Reference number

SC220235

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Kent County Council (the Council) is the largest local authority in England covering an area of 3,500 square kilometres. It has an annual expenditure of over £1bn on goods and services and a population of 1.6m.

The Multiply Programme was announced by the Department for Education in April 2022 – being part of a range of initiatives that aim to boost adult skills. The programme is for 19+ adults who do not have a GSCE at Grade 4 (or equivalent) and aims to help people improve their ability to understand and use maths in daily life, home, and work – from household finances, to helping children with homework, to making more sense of the facts in the media and improving employability / job prospects.

Full details of the Multiply programme can be found in the Multiply Investment Prospectus: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiply-funding-available-to-improve-numeracy-skills>

Kent County Council is looking to appoint Suppliers through a Dynamic Purchasing System, to provide this service. The DPS is for the procurement of social and other services referred to in Regulation 74 of the Public Contracts Regulations (2015) and as such, the intention is to use a light touch regime, rather than the full regime described in Regulation 34 (Dynamic Purchasing System).

This Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to advise prospective providers of the Commissioners intention. It is our intention to hold market engagement events on 21st

(10am – 11am) and 27th September 2022 (3pm – 4pm) . To book a place, please email multiply@kent.gov.uk with your preferred date.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £7,500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Dynamic Purchasing System for the provision of the Multiply Numeracy Programme

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80200000 - Secondary education services
- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ43 - Kent Thames Gateway
- UKJ44 - East Kent
- UKJ45 - Mid Kent
- UKJ46 - West Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Multiply programme aims to help people improve their ability to understand and use maths in daily life, home, and work: improving household finances, helping children with homework, making more sense of the facts in the media, or improving numeracy skills specific to a line of work. To achieve this, the Multiply Project identifies ten interventions for delivery of numeracy in specific contexts. Full details of Multiply can be found in the Multiply Investment Prospectus: Please see link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiply-funding-available-to-improve-numeracy-skills>

Kent County Council intends to appoint provider(s) with relevant experience and a proven track record to deliver innovative and varied services for all lots. Each service will work with adults 19+ and who have not achieved a Level 2 qualification in Numeracy.

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £7,500,000

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

10 October 2022

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The Multiply Numeracy Services falls under services to which the Light Touch Regime (LTR) applies. As such, Kent County Council will use the LTR flexibilities to operate the Dynamic Purchasing System under the Open procedure under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

Under Regulation 34(10) of PCR 2015, no further time limits for receipt of requests to participate shall apply once the invitation to tender for the first specific procurement under the dynamic purchasing system has been sent.