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# Adult Education Budget (AEB) 2022 - 2027

Liverpool City Region Combined Auorithy

F02: Contract notice

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

## I.1) Name and addresses

Liverpool City Region Combined Auorithy

1 Mann Island

Liverpool

**L3 1BP** 

#### Contact

Procurement

### **Email**

tender@liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk

### Country

**United Kingdom** 

#### **NUTS** code

UKD7 - Merseyside

Internet address(es)

Main address

http://www.liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk

Buyer's address

http://www.liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk

## I.3) Communication

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

www.the-chest.org.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.the-chest.org.uk

## I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

## I.5) Main activity

General public services

## **Section II: Object**

## II.1) Scope of the procurement

### II.1.1) Title

Adult Education Budget (AEB) 2022 - 2027

Reference number

DN574153

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 80000000 - Education and training services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

We intend to go out to market using a light touch approach to the following project. The Liverpool City Region covers the Local Authority areas of Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St. Helens and Wirral. Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) has successfully managed the devolved Adult Education Budget (AEB) for eligible local residents aged 19 and over since 2019/20, balancing meeting the traditional skills needs addressed by AEB and incorporating significant innovations that reflect and respond to the local distinctiveness of the City Region and the skills needs of residents.

The LCRCA now intend to procure high quality Adult Education using devolved funding for a commissioning cycle commencing from 1 August 2022, covering the period 2022-27 LCRCA are seeking to build effective contractual relationships and continue to implement local flexibilities through our devolution agreement. Successful training providers will deliver contracts for services that meet our quality standards and delivery expectations aligned to the skills needs of Liverpool City Region as a result of this procurement exercise. Through the tendering process successful providers will demonstrate an understanding of our local authority areas, the needs of resident learners and employers, and how they would work alongside our anchor College and Local Authority grant funded organisations to add value to the local curriculum offer for LCR residents.

The procurement will allow further learner choice of provision by funding residents with training including:

• Statutory entitlements including first full Level 2 and Level 3 qualifications for learners

aged 19-23, English and Maths and digital skills for learners aged 19 and over

- Flexible tailored provision for adults, including qualifications and components of these and/or non-regulated learning, up to level 2
- Locally determined training innovations that better meet the skills needs of the local economy, employers and residents.

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £70,000,000

#### 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

### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UKD7 - Mersevside

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

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#### II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

#### II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £70,000,000

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

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

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Region. Providers will demonstrate the needs of resident learners and employers, how they would work alongside our anchor College and Local Authority grant funded organisations to add value to the local curriculum offer for LCR residents.

#### II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

#### II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate
Date
19 November 2021
Local time
11:00am
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: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)
IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders
Date
19 November 2021
Local time
11:00am
Place
Via the electronic portal The Chest
Information about authorised persons and opening procedure
A member of the LCRCA procurement Team

# **Section VI. Complementary information**

## VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: Every 5 years funding dependant

## VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

London

WC2A2LL

Country

**United Kingdom**