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## **Adult Education Budget (AEB) 2022 - 2027**

Liverpool City Region Combined Authority

F02: Contract notice

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

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

Liverpool City Region Combined Authority

1 Mann Island

Liverpool

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#### **Contact**

Procurement

#### **Email**

[tender@liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.the-chest.org.uk)

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **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 - Merseyside

#### **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

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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.1.8) 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

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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: Every 5 years funding dependant

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

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

Royal Courts of Justice

London

WC2A2LL

Country

United Kingdom