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Contract

Shared Prosperity Fund – Business Support

Devon County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKK4 - Devon

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Main address

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Buyer's address

<http://www.devon.gov.uk>

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

Shared Prosperity Fund – Business Support

Reference number

DN659368

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Devon County Council (DCC) is running a business support programme funded by UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) until March 2025. This will offer a range of support to businesses and start ups in Mid Devon, East Devon, and Exeter. Support will be delivered through a mixture of in-person and online support, on either a 1-2-1 or workshop basis. Support is to be split into four Lots:

Lot 1: General business support

Lot 2: Green business support

Lot 3: Start up support

Lot 4: Job creation and safeguarding support

These lots will support DCC and it's local authority partners to meet the aims of SPF and achieve specific SPF outputs and outcomes.

Any bidders that exceed the amounts stated within the tender documents will not be taken forward to further evaluation and will be rejected for the lot (s) in which the requirement was not met, unless all bids do not meet these requirements.

Bids must also confirm a commitment to provide at least the minimum quantity of outputs and outcomes outlined in column B of the pricing schedule document in respect of each description for each lot. Any Bid that does not meet these minimum requirements will not be taken forward to further evaluation and will be rejected for the lot (s) in which the requirement was not met, unless all bids do not meet these requirements.

If all bids fail to provide these commitments, all bids except those who do not allow for each district to obtain the correct share of outputs and outcomes they require for the overall budget they have allocated individually, will be evaluated.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £398,254.90

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

General business support delivery

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK43 - Devon CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This is to include the delivery of a broad business diagnostic sessions on a 1-2-1 basis, as well as subject-specific sessions on either a 1-2-1 or workshop basis, follow-up support, networking events and peer support activities to explore topics including;

- Business and Person-centred diagnostics;
- Business planning;
- Access to finance & budget management;
- Access to new markets;
- Human Resources, staff and apprenticeships;
- Innovation;
- Digital capability;
- Bidding for work and procurement advice;
- Marketing.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Green business support

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 790000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK43 - Devon CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This is to include the delivery of a broad business diagnostic sessions on a 1-2-1 basis, as well as subject-specific sessions on either a 1-2-1 or workshop basis, follow-up support, networking events and peer support activities to explore topics including;

- Carbon reduction and net zero agenda;
- Energy and resource efficiency;
- Carbon foot printing (impact vs sequestration);
- Waste management;
- Renewable energy (wind, hydro, solar);
- Clean and inclusive growth;
- On-site/off-grid energy generation.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Start up support

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK43 - Devon CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This is to include the delivery of a broad business diagnostic sessions on a 1-2-1 basis, as well as subject-specific sessions on either a 1-2-1 or workshop basis, follow-up support, networking events and peer support activities to explore topics including;

- Business planning;
- Building confidence;
- Market research;

- How to identify resources;
- How to avoid common mistakes;
- Legal structure;
- Registering as a Sole Trader, or on Companies House;
- How to manage, organise, run, market, finance and grow a new business.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Job creation and safeguarding support

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK43 - Devon CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This is to include the delivery of a broad business diagnostic sessions on a 1-2-1 basis, as well as subject-specific sessions on either a 1-2-1 or workshop basis, follow-up support, networking events and peer support activities to explore topics including;

- Employment legislation and requirements, including pensions, insurance, and registering as an employer with HMRC;
- Self-employment;
- Inclusive employment;
- Setting wages;
- Recruiting and hiring;
- Alternatives to redundancy.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

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 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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

Title

General business support delivery

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

4 September 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

West Devon Business Information Point Limited (BIP)

Burton

DE13 8FN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Project Cosmic

Honiton

EX14 1SF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK4 - Devon

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £83,099.90

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

Green business support

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

4 September 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

West Devon Business Information Point Limited (BIP)

Burton

DE13 8FN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Project Cosmic

Honiton

EX14 1SF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK4 - Devon

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £118,900

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

3

Title

Start up support

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

4 September 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 8

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

West Devon Business Information Point Limited (BIP)

Burton

DE13 8FN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Project Cosmic

Honiton

EX14 1SF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK4 - Devon

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £64,830

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

4

Title

Job creation and safeguarding support

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

4 September 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

West Devon Business Information Point Limited (BIP)

Burton

DE13 8FN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Project Cosmic

Honiton

EX14 1SF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK4 - Devon

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £131,425

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court of Justice

The Royal Court of Justice, The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom