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Contract

## **CO0299 Multiply - Lot 3 - January 2024**

Essex County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03d4dc

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

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

Essex County Council

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Chelmsford

CM1 1QH

#### **Contact**

Mr Andrew Beaver

#### **Email**

[Andrew.beaver@essex.gov.uk](mailto:Andrew.beaver@essex.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKH3 - Essex

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/>

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

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

CO0299 Multiply - Lot 3 - January 2024

Reference number

DN705418

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The purpose of this competition for Lot 3 “Helping people to manage their money and build confidence with maths” is to invite bids to create and deliver training provision for Essex residents who want to increase their numeracy skills in order to improve their ability to deal with everyday life challenges. These could include, but are not limited to, household budgeting, debt management, shopping and price comparison, food preparation, driving and travelling, DIY and home decorating, etc.

The provision could be offered as stand-alone modules or bolted on to existing (vocational) courses or support.

Eligible target learners are adults 19+ who have not previously attained a GCSE Grade 4/C or higher maths qualification.

We would be interested in opportunities that are developed in partnership with community organisations and other partners in Essex and aimed at engaging hardest-to-reach groups, e.g. unemployed or economically inactive people, people on low incomes, care leavers, people who are in or have recently been released from prison.

Expected duration of training courses is between 6 to 10 guided learning hours.

Substantive learning (formal or informal) is defined as learning being delivered in two or more hours. All substantive learning will be recorded in the Individualised Learner Record (ILR) monthly. Suppliers will need to submit the ILR directly to the Department for

Education via IDAMS. Where a supplier is unable to use IDAMS, it should submit via the ILR input tool. Suppliers will need to provide ECC with a copy of the ILR using an ECC template.

Department for Education (DfE) has confirmed that Multiply training / learning will not be subject to Ofsted inspections in Year 2 (2023-2024).

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £196,250

### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

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

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Outreach activities (a.k.a. non-substantive learning) should not be recorded in the ILR. Instead, the full name, postcode and date of birth should be recorded on a separate return to ECC monthly, which will then be shared by ECC with the Department for Education. It is entirely appropriate for suppliers to collect more information from adults involved in outreach activities to enable them to follow up and market Multiply to those engaged.

Proposed provision under this mini competition must be unique and not a continuation of previously funded programmes that have been awarded under this Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS). If a proposal is found to be an extension of previous funding, ECC reserves the right to reject the proposal.

Bidders are expected to have staffing and a delivery base in Essex or alternative local facilities to target and deliver provision to the businesses and residents of Essex. Online provision is an accepted method of delivery however, this must be part of a blended digital offer including virtual classroom, access to a tutor, learning and additional support.

Learners supported by this funding must reside or work in Essex (i.e. the area defined as political Essex and not including Southend-on-Sea or Thurrock).

We particularly welcome provision targeting key levelling up areas captured in the Levelling Up Essex White Paper: Basildon (Housing Estates); Rural Braintree; Harlow; Tendring: Canvey Island; Colchester (Housing Estates).

Grant Agreements shall not exceed 12 months.

Service Providers should act in accordance with the Southend Essex and Thurrock (SET) Safeguarding Adults Guidelines. This details the process of how to report incidents and safeguard vulnerable adults. Service Providers should also be aware of and implement procedures around reporting domestic abuse, honour-based abuse, forced marriage and other forms of hidden harm. Service Providers must have their own safeguarding policy which should be kept updated.

The maximum cost per learner for this requirement (Lot 3) is £35 per guided learning hour, if the proposal is found to exceed the maximum cost per learner, ECC reserves the

right to reject the proposal.

Bidders may bid above a minimum value of £10,000 and up to a maximum of £100,000 in this mini competition, if the bid does not fall within this range, ECC reserves the right to reject the proposal.

Minimum number of learners for this mini competition is 29.

All learners must be unique learners and therefore proposed provision should not include the ability for learners to undertake multiple courses within the same Lot. This would not prevent learners undertaking courses funded by different Lots.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

#### **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 IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Restricted procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the setting up of a dynamic purchasing system

#### **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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-016343](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

CO0299 Multiply

### **Lot No**

3

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

20 February 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 12

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 12

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 12

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Enable East (Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust)

EPUT North, 1st Floor, Severalls House

Colchester

CO4 5HG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH3 - Essex

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £96,250

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#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

The International Education Group Limited (TiEGr)

14 Maypole Street, Newhall

Harlow

CM17 9JJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH3 - Essex

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £100,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Royal Courts of Justice

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom