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Contract

CO0299 Multiply - Lot 4 - 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

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Country

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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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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Reference number

DN705423

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 4 “Full qualifications” is to invite bids to create and deliver new intensive and flexible Maths Functional Skills Qualification courses targeted at adults 19+ who have not previously attained a GCSE Grade 4/C or Level 2 maths qualification.

In line with the Department for Education definition, Functional Skills qualifications should enable the learner to develop confidence in using mathematics and provide a foundation for progression into employment or further technical education and develop skills for everyday life, where the skills gained can be applied to solve mathematical problems. The purpose of Level 1 and Level 2 Functional Skills Mathematics qualifications is to demonstrate a sound grasp of mathematical skills at the appropriate level and the ability to apply mathematical thinking effectively to solve problems successfully in the workplace and in other real-life situations.

Experience shows that skills providers in general commit 100% of their adult education budget in the Autumn term or risk reductions in subsequent years. ECC will encourage successful bidders to link with other Multiply providers from other Lots over time to encourage bite size learners from other Lots to progress to full qualifications throughout the year, particularly outside of the Autumn term.

Multiply in Essex is keen to fund additional Maths Functional Skills Qualifications at NVQ 1 and NVQ 2 under this Lot. This aims to help adults to progress in learning and employment.

Consideration would be given to funding additional Maths Functional Skills Qualifications at Entry Levels 1, 2 and 3, although bidders would need to provide sufficient evidence to demonstrate how these courses would generate exceptional impact and align with Multiply outcomes.

Functional Skills Qualifications should be accredited by a recognised national awarding body. To avoid duplication with Adult Education Budget (AEB) funding qualifications, these should begin throughout the academic year, rather than at the standard September start.

Expected duration of training courses is up to 55 guided learning hours.

Learners will be expected to sit a recognised examination at the end of the course to quantify their learning and provide them with certification as proof of their new skills.

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: £119,712.50

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

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This Lot will fund only one Maths Functional Skills Qualification per learner at each qualification level. Grant funding will not cover resits for failed exams; any resit taken would need to be funded by alternative means.

Learners will not be permitted to be enrolled if they are already enrolled in another Maths Functional Skills Qualification course, whether funded through Multiply or not.

Only substantive learning will be accepted for this tender and will be recorded in the Individualised Learner Record (ILR). Substantive learning (formal or informal) is learning being delivered in two or more hours.

Department for Education (DfE) has confirmed that Multiply training / learning will not be subject to Ofsted inspections.

Outreach activities (a.k.a. non-substantive learning) should not be recorded in the ILR. Instead, contact details (name, address, email, phone number & date of birth) should be collected from those engaged to enable follow up and marketing at a later date.

Potential learners that are not ready for Maths Functional Skills Qualifications should be referred to bite-size Multiply provision under other Lots.

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 4) is £17.50 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.

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

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: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

CO0299 Multiply

Lot No

4

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

27 February 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 7

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 7

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: 7

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Keir Training & Recruitment Limited

217 London Road

Grays

RM20 3JT

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: £95,550

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V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Opportunities Workshop Limited

12 Northgate Street

Ipswich

IP1 3DB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH14 - Suffolk

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £24,062.50

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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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

