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Contract

GMCA 959 Adult Skills Level 3 Targeted Offer

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

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Region code

UKD3 - Greater Manchester

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Buyer's address

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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

GMCA 959 Adult Skills Level 3 Targeted Offer

Reference number

DN719708

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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occupational areas and the sector skills shortages highlighted in the GM Local Skills Improvement Plan.

- To improve the skills of residents and be more productive or retrain to find a better job supporting in-work progression for adults into higher level careers, adapting to changing employer needs.
- Target occupational skills gaps to support our business needs, providing employers with a locally skilled workforce.

GM's Adult Skills Level 3 Targeted Offer incorporates two funding streams under one single pot:

- An allocation of funding from GM's core devolved Adult Education Budget for targeted Level 3 delivery, and
- GMs devolved ringfenced allocation from the national Free Courses for Jobs Level 3 offer.

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: £4,800,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Within the funding streams there are three core strands as follows:

- GM Local Level 3 for Adults
- GM FCFJ Level 3 Local Funding Flexibility
- National Free Courses for Jobs Level 3 offer

There are two lists of fully funded Level 3 qualifications attached to these core strands, differentiated by a resident's eligibility:

- A GM Local List.

- The national Free Courses for Jobs Level 3 list.

Activity can be summarised as follows:

- o Overall value: £4,800,000 for the period 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025.
- o Bidders can propose activity with a minimum contract value of £150,000 to a maximum contract value of £1,000,000.
- o It should be noted that this Single Pot Level 3 mini competition does not include funding for Legal Entitlements for 19- to 23-year-olds.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Strategic Approach & Evidence of Need / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Marketing and Engagement / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Learning and Delivery Offer / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Mobilisation and Organisational Experience / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Performance and Contract Management / Weighting: 15

Price - Weighting: 10

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.1.8) 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: [2020/S 175-423970](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

959.1

Title

GMCA 959.1 - Adult Skills Level 3 Targeted Offer

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

23 August 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 23

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Back 2 Work Complete Training Limited

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £702,802

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

959.2

Title

GMCA 959.2 - Adult Skills Level 3 Targeted Offer

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

23 August 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 23

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Bright Direction Training Limited

Bolton

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £809,402

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

959.3

Title

GMCA 959.3 - Adult Skills Level 3 Targeted Offer

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

23 August 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 23

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

DMR Training & Consultancy

Leigh

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £501,359.54

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

959.4

Title

GMCA 959.4 - Adult Skills Level 3 Targeted Offer

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

23 August 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 23

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Learning Curve Group

Spennymoor

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £557,681.45

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

959.5

Title

GMCA 959.5 - Adult Skills Level 3 Targeted Offer

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

23 August 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 23

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Netcom Training Ltd

Birmingham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG3 - West Midlands

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £802,480

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

959.6

Title

GMCA 959.6 - Adult Skills Level 3 Targeted Offer

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

23 August 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 23

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Standguide Limited

Ashton-under-Lyne

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £401,760.58

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

959.7

Title

GMCA 959.7 - Adult Skills Level 3 Targeted Offer

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

23 August 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 23

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Growth Company Limited

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £623,995.23

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

959.8

Title

GMCA 959.8 - Adult Skills Level 3 Targeted Offer

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

23 August 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 23

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Think Employment Ltd

Grimsby

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF3 - Lincolnshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £400,519.20

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland)

London

Country

United Kingdom