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Awarded contract

## **Provision of Training - Skill Up Springboard**

Somerset County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

Somerset County Council

County Hall

Taunton

TA1 4DY

#### **Contact**

Mr Iain Copeland

#### **Email**

[ICopeland@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:ICopeland@somerset.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.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**

Provision of Training - Skill Up Springboard

Reference number

DN549031

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

- 80530000 - Vocational training services

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

Services

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

Following a successful application to the European Social Fund, Somerset County Council has secured £2,078,053 of European Social Fund (ESF) investment to deliver the Somerset Skills for Growth Project. The Council is now seeking to procure and appoint suitably qualified suppliers to deliver the outputs and results specified within the Somerset Skills for Growth Grant Funding Agreement. 'Skill Up Springboard' will offer units at any accredited level, excluding basic skills. Accredited units applicable to this tender can be found on the following site <https://register.ofqual.gov.uk/>

The Authority is conducting this procurement process in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. This tender opportunity falls within Schedule 3 of the Regulations (Social and Other Specific Services) and below the Light Touch Regime threshold. Whilst this means that this Tender is exempt from EU procurement rules, it will be run in accordance with the EU Treaty principles of transparency, non-discrimination, equal treatment, mutual recognition, and proportionality.

### **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: £237,998.50

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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Along with satisfying the essential criteria for contract award, we are inviting Applicants to submit comprehensive and realistic method statements, with associated timescales, outlining the proposed customer journey, from the point of creating / sourcing a referral / receiving a referral, to the end of a participant's involvement. We will ask Applicants to explain how their delivery method will achieve the desired outputs/outcomes ensuring all associated risks and issues are highlighted along with any mitigating actions.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Delivering the Requirements / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Marketing the Opportunity / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Skills and Capacity / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Equality and Diversity and Environmental Sustainability / Weighting: 10

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: Yes

Identification of the project

Skill Up Springboard - under the Somerset Skills for Growth Grant Funding Agreement with ESF funding.

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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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-012956](#)

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

### **Title**

Provision of Training - Skill Up Springboard

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

25 October 2021

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

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 5

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

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

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

Aspire Training Team Limited

3 Wollaston Road,

Bournemouth

BH6 4AR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Bridgwater & Taunton College

Bath Road,

Bridgwater, Somerset

TA6 4PZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Hair Academy South West Limited

120 East Reach,

Taunton, Somerset,

TA1 3HL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Somerset Business Agency CIC

Great Bow, Wharf Bow Street

Langport, Somerset

TA10 9PN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £237,998.50



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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Somerset County Council

Taunton

TA1 4DY

Country

United Kingdom