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Contract

Provision of Training - Skill Up Springboard

Somerset County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02ba0d

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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

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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

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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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.

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.

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

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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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Somerset County Council

Taunton

TA1 4DY

Country

United Kingdom