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## **Employability Services**

Scotland Excel

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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

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

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Paisley

PA1 1AR

#### **Email**

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#### **Telephone**

+44 1414888230

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.scotland-excel.org.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10383](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10383)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**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**

Employability Services

Reference number

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

- 79611000 - Job search services

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

Services

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

This Prior Information Notice is in relation to the anticipated development of a national procurement process for the provision of Employability Services, including those relating to the No One Left Behind (NOLB) strategy. NOLB is a programme of transformation which aims to change the employability system in Scotland to make it more adaptable, responsive and person-centred.

The anticipated scope of services covered under the framework may include, but are not limited to:

- Employability Services including provision of pre-employment and work related education;
- Skills development;
- Training opportunities; and
- Other related support for people of all ages who are unemployed, further from the labour market to support them to move towards and into work.

There will also be support to help those who are low skilled and on low income to progress in employment.

Please find a link to a market survey which can be completed by interested providers:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/EKDUFO/>

The survey will remain open until Monday 15th November.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £40,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

The exact nature and scope of the lotting structure is to be decided.

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1

Lot No

1

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 98200000 - Equal opportunities consultancy services
- 75110000 - General public services
- 75310000 - Benefit services
- 79634000 - Career guidance services
- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80210000 - Technical and vocational secondary education services
- 80400000 - Adult and other education services
- 80420000 - E-learning services
- 80500000 - Training services

- 80510000 - Specialist training services
- 80530000 - Vocational training services
- 80531100 - Industrial training services
- 80531200 - Technical training services
- 80532000 - Management training services
- 80533000 - Computer-user familiarisation and training services
- 80533100 - Computer training services
- 80570000 - Personal development training services
- 85312310 - Guidance services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Various locations throughout the geographical boundaries of the participating councils within Scotland.

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

This Prior Information Notice is in relation to an envisaged new national procurement opportunity for Employability Services, including those relating to the No One Left Behind (NOLB) strategy. 'No-One Left Behind Employability Funding' helps people of all ages to gain skills and confidence. It is there to help people prepare for employment, training, education and/or volunteering. NOLB is a programme of transformation which aims to change the employability system in Scotland to make it more adaptable, responsive and person-centred.

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#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

NOTE: This lotting structure is provisional and subject to change.

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2

Lot No

2

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79611000 - Job search services
- 98200000 - Equal opportunities consultancy services
- 75310000 - Benefit services
- 75110000 - General public services
- 79634000 - Career guidance services
- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80210000 - Technical and vocational secondary education services
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#### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

10 January 2022

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### **Section IV. Procedure**

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

##### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes



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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Scotland Excel envisages publishing a future tendering opportunity on behalf of the 32 local authorities in Scotland, together with any Integration Authority or other body, established pursuant to the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

Scotland Excel is planning market engagement with interested parties in relation to this upcoming opportunity. Please note interest in the PIN for future updates.

Please find a link to the market survey - <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/EKDUFO/>

The survey will remain open until Monday 15th November.

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=664640](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=664640).

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