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## **North West SEND and Alternative Provision Flexible Purchasing System**

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council

Blackpool Council

Bolton Council

Bury Council

Cheshire West and Chester Council

Cumberland Council

Westmorland and Furness Council

Halton Borough Council

Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Lancashire County Council

Liverpool City Council

Manchester City Council

Oldham Council

Rochdale Borough Council

Salford City Council

St Helens Council

Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council

Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council

Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council

Trafford Council

Warrington Borough Council

Wigan Council

Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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#### **Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Sole trader

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Buyer's address

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

The contract involves joint procurement

### **I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.the-chest.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**

North West SEND and Alternative Provision Flexible Purchasing System

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

The needs of most learners can be met through mainstream provision, with a small proportion who have the

most complex needs requiring specialist settings. Some learners however need education or training arranged

outside a mainstream or specialist setting because otherwise they would not receive suitable education or

training. These learners will access the Alternative Provision described in this specification.

The vision for Alternative Provision across the North West is that it will;

- provide pupils with a rigorous and high-quality alternative to a mainstream curriculum
- be suited to the child or young person's capabilities, giving them the opportunity to take appropriate

qualifications with rigorous assessment of progress;

- improve learners' motivation, self-confidence, attendance and engagement with education and learning;

- have clearly defined objectives based on individual needs against which progress can be monitored and new objectives set

- includes clear transition pathways that generate appropriate opportunities for progression and successful transition to the next stage of their education, ideally within mainstream provision

- and deliver efficiencies and offer best value for local authorities.

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

Value excluding VAT: £217,500,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

## **II.2) Description**

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

Alternative Provision - Registered Setting

Lot No

6

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

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

This LOT is added to the following: North West SEND Flexible Purchasing System

The Services required under the terms of this Contract shall support the needs of Learners of primary school age up to 25, including those with Special Educational Needs.

Alternative Provision where the Provider is registered with Ofsted (or equivalent body). This may include Providers who are registered with Ofsted but the category of their registration does not include Learners to whom they are offering Alternative Provision.

- Each Service shall be able to take learners in accordance with their Statement of Purpose.
- The provision must be able to meet the needs of the individual learners as described in their referral form and/or in an Education, Health and Care Plan.
- In delivery of these services, the Provider shall operate fully in accordance with all relevant Acts of Parliament, amendment or re-enactment of any Act, Statutory Regulation, and other such laws and statutory guidance, as may affect the provision of education, health and care specified under the Contract
- The North West local authorities are committed to collaboration, co-production and best practice with Parents/ Carers and Providers, to ensure the regional contract remains fit for purpose. This Flexible Purchasing

System will be regularly reviewed by the North West Regional Governance Group to ensure that the required outcomes are being delivered and further developments and innovation are included

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £125,000,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

87

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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

This LOT is LOT 6 on the North West SEND Flexible Purchasing System

Access can be found at <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/> reference number DN505426

## **II.2) Description**

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

Alternative Provision - Unregistered Setting



Lot No

7

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

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

This LOT is added to the following: North West SEND Flexible Purchasing System

The Services required under the terms of this Contract shall support the needs of Learners of primary school age up to 25, including those with Special Educational Needs.

Alternative Provision where the Provider is not registered with Ofsted (or equivalent body)

- Each Service shall be able to take learners in accordance with their Statement of Purpose.
- The provision must be able to meet the needs of the individual learners as described in their referral form and/or in an Education, Health and Care Plan.
- In delivery of these services, the Provider shall operate fully in accordance with all relevant Acts of Parliament, amendment or re-enactment of any Act, Statutory Regulation, and other such laws and statutory guidance, as may affect the provision of education, health and care specified under the Contract
- The North West local authorities are committed to collaboration, co-production and best practice with Parents/ Carers and Providers, to ensure the regional contract remains fit for purpose. This Flexible Purchasing

System will be regularly reviewed by the North West Regional Governance Group to ensure that the required outcomes are being delivered and further developments and innovation are included

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £92,500,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

87

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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

This LOT is LOT 7 on the North West SEND Flexible Purchasing System

Access can be found at <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/> reference number DN505426

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision:

All suppliers will be required to hold the appropriate registrations for the areas of work they intend bidding for e.g. OFSTED or equivalent Registration, DfE or equivalent Registration, etc.

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## **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: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2020/S 223-549479](#)

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

18 October 2023

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

Royal Courts of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom