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## **Employability Support Services Flexible Framework**

Dumfries and Galloway Council

F02: Contract notice

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

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

Dumfries and Galloway Council

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Dumfries

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#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM92 - Dumfries & Galloway

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.dumgal.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00219](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00219)

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/esop/pts-host/public/pts/web/login.html>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/esop/pts-host/public/pts/web/login.html>

**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 Support Services Flexible Framework

Reference number

DGCPCE-0031

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

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

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

Services

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

Dumfries and Galloway Council are looking to establish a Flexible Framework solution for Employability Support Services across Dumfries and Galloway Region.

#### **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**

Core Employability

Lot No

1

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM92 - Dumfries & Galloway

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

This lot is for core employability. This lot covers all activity delivered to all age clients under the Strategic Skills Pipeline stages 1-5 which may include:

- Referral, Engagement and Assessment
- Needs Assessment
- Work Preparation
- Employer Engagement and Job Matching
- In Work Support and Aftercare

Tenders can submit to delivery activity at any of the stages. They are not required to deliver end to end.

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

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

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Opportunity to extend for two optional extensions of 12 months at the sole discretion of Dumfries and Galloway Council.

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

Variants will be accepted: No

### **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

## **II.2) Description**

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

Targeted Employability Support

Lot No

2

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

- 800000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM92 - Dumfries & Galloway

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

This lot covers Targeted Employability Support. This support is designed to provide specialist interventions for individuals based on specific characteristics. These interventions can support individuals at any or all stages of the strategic skills pipeline.

Interventions must link to employability and support individuals on their journey toward employment, training, volunteering or education.

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

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

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend for two 12 month periods at the sole discretion of Dumfries and Galloway Council.

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

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **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

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

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

Training for Employment

Lot No

3

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

- 800000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM92 - Dumfries & Galloway

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

This lot covers training and development opportunities to prepare individuals for progression.

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

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

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Optional two 12 month extension periods at the sole discretion of Dumfries and Galloway Council.

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

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **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

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

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

Wellbeing

Lot No

4

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

- 800000000 - Education and training services
- 853000000 - Social work and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM92 - Dumfries & Galloway

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

Interventions to support individuals to improve their general well-being. These could be specific or support people across any of the stages.

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

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

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Optional two 12 month extension periods at the sole discretion of Dumfries and Galloway Council.

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

Variants will be accepted: No

### **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

## **II.2) Description**

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

Innovation

Lot No

5

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

- 800000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM92 - Dumfries & Galloway

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

Interventions required in response to emerging demand, changes in the environment for example economic or political, or requirements that do not fit within the other lots.

Tenderers who are accepted on to any of lots 1-4 will default to this Lot.

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

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

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Optional two 12 month extension periods at the sole discretion of Dumfries and Galloway Council.

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**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

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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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

Flexible Framework under the Light Touch Regime regulations.

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

Date

5 September 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Tender must be valid until: 1 January 2026

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

5 September 2025

Local time

12:00pm

Place

Due to this being a flexible framework, submissions will be reviewed within 10-14 working days from submission.

The deadline date above is to allow the notice to be live for the next 12 months

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

This is the framework reopening. The framework will remain open for the next 12 months with submissions being allowed at any time. A new notice will be published annually.

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: This is a live contract notice for the flexible framework reopening to allow submissions to be received at any time over the next 12 months. A new notice will be published annually. If you are already on the framework , you need not re-apply unless you are looking to expand your services into other lots.

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

Framework is open for the duration due to being a Flexible Framework. This notice is to allow submissions at any time. Submissions will be evaluated as they are received, there

is no need to wait until the deadline of this notice (12 months from now).

Submissions can be made on PCS-Tender.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this PQQ exercise. The Project code is 27578. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

Community Benefit commitments will be based on total annual spend with Organisations as written in the Invitation to Tender.

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

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

Dumfries Sheriff Court

Dumfries

Country

United Kingdom