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Planning

Pre Market Engagement for the Delivery of the UK Government's Multiply Programme within Bridgend County Borough

Bridgend County Borough Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Bridgend County Borough Council

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKL17 - Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.bridgend.gov.uk

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0417

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Pre Market Engagement for the Delivery of the UK Government's Multiply Programme within Bridgend County Borough

Reference number

B822

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Bridgend County Borough Council are holding a Pre Market Engagement Event concerning the delivery of the UK Government Multiply programme with Bridgend County Borough.

The Multiply programme forms part of the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund, that has been developed to support the government's wider commitment to level up all parts of the UK and provides funding for local investment between 2022 and 2025 and aims to help transform the lives of adults by improving their functional numeracy skills through free personal tutoring, digital training, and flexible courses.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £3,900,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL17 - Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Bridgend County Borough Council are carrying out this Pre Market Engagement process concerning the delivery of the UK Government Multiply programme with Bridgend County

Borough.

A Pre-Market Engagement event will be held at the Best Western Heronston Hotel & Spa, Ewenny Road, Bridgend, CF35 5AW at 13.00 on Friday 28th October.

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UKG Multiply Programme will run up until the 31st March 2025.

The eligible participants within Multiply are:

Adults 19+ who have not previously attained a Level 2/ SCQF Level 5 or higher maths qualification.

They can either be working towards a maths Level 2/ SCQF Level 5 or Functional Skills Qualification, need specific numeracy skills for their work or progression, or just want to brush up on the skills to help them get on in life and work.

The eligible interventions within Multiply are:

Courses designed to increase confidence with numbers for those needing the first steps towards formal qualification

Courses for parents wanting to increase their numeracy skills in order to help their children and help with their own progression.

Courses aimed at prisoners, those recently released from prison or on temporary licence.

Courses aimed at people who can't apply for certain jobs because of lack of numeracy skills and/or to encourage people to upskill in order to access a certain job/career.

Additional relevant maths modules embedded into other vocational courses.

Innovative programmes delivered together with employers – including courses designed to cover specific numeracy skills required in the workplace.

New intensive and flexible courses targeted at people without Level 2 maths in Wales, leading to an equivalent qualification.

Courses designed to help people use numeracy to manage their money.

Courses aimed at over 19s that are leaving, or have just left, the care system

Activities, courses or provision developed in partnership with community organisations and other partners aimed at engaging the hardest to reach learners – for example, those not in the labour market or other groups identified locally as in need.

It should be noted that discussions regarding the exact scope of the Multiply programme are on-going at the point of drafting this notice.

The objectives of the Pre Market Engagement Process for BCBC are to:

- 1 Understand the current delivery landscape across the county borough.
- 2 Understand the potential opportunities and challenges to enhancing delivery in line with the eligible activities set out within the Multiply programme.
- 3 Understand the potential forms of contract that would be suitable for the delivery of the Multiply programme.
- 4 Receive general feedback.
- 5 Understand the balance of cost, timescales and management implications for BCBC through different procurement structures.
- 6 Understand how the benefits from the Multiply programme can be maximised.

BCBC are therefore looking to engage with suppliers/contractors who can provide all or part of the services required to deliver the Multiply programme within Bridgend County Borough.

II.2.14) Additional information

The Pre-Market Engagement event will be held at the Best Western Heronston Hotel & Spa, Ewenny Road, Bridgend, CF35 5AW at 13.00 on Friday 28th October. To secure a place please email Sue.Whittaker@bridgend.gov.uk

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

10 November 2022

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=125698.](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=125698)

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