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## **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

Bridgend County Borough Council, Procurement Unit, Civic Offices, Angel Street

Bridgend

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKL17 - Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0417](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

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**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](mailto:Sue.Whittaker@bridgend.gov.uk)

#### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

10 November 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**

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