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Tender

Mandatory Social Housing Qualification

Newcastle City Council

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Scope

Reference

008999

Description

Newcastle City Council wishes to establish a Framework Agreement for the provision of Ofqual regulated providers of qualifications for colleagues whose roles are considered to be in scope, as per the Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023 and the new Competency and Conduct Standard.

The qualifications required are:

- Level 5 Diploma in Housing
- Level 4 Certificate in Housing
- Level 4 Managing Housing Maintenance

Commercial tool

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

Total value (estimated)

- £140,000 excluding VAT
- £168,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2027
- Possible extension to 31 August 2029
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

2 x 12 month extensions

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79632000 - Personnel-training services
- 79633000 - Staff development services
- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Framework

Open framework scheme end date (estimated)

1 September 2029

Maximum number of suppliers

3

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

Newcastle City Council wishes to establish a single lot Framework Agreement for the supply of Ofqual regulated providers of qualifications for colleagues whose roles are considered to be in scope, as per the Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023 and the new Competency and Conduct Standard. It is anticipated that a maximum of three suppliers will be appointed to the framework on a ranked basis.

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Submission

Enquiry deadline

14 June 2025, 11:59pm

Tender submission deadline

18 June 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

The tender portal is: www.open-uk.org

The tender reference is: #OPEN2025854 - 008999 Mandatory Social Housing Qualifications

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Mandatory Requirements

The Contracting Authority will evaluate Tenders as to the mandatory requirements

Pass / Fail

Methodology

The Contracting Authority will evaluate Tenders as to the proposed method for delivery of the Contract including:

Overall approach proposed for providing the Contract, including method of working relating to questions included within the tender response form.

60%

Value for Money

The Contracting Authority will evaluate Tenders as to financial acceptability including:

Overall value for money relating to questions within the tender response form.

Tenderers must fill in the Pricing Schedule set out in Appendix K to provide all the obligations under the Contract, all items must be priced.

All prices shall be submitted as Gross Price and shall be stated in pounds sterling and exclusive of VAT.

Tenderers must also fill in the Supplier Incentive Programme Schedule set out in Appendix F. The level of discount offered by Tenderers in Appendix F will be deducted from the gross price stated by Tenderers in Appendix K and the net price will be evaluated. There is no obligation for Tenderers to offer an Early Payment Discount in their tender, but all Tenderers must complete and submit the Supplier Incentive Programme Schedule set out in Appendix F.

Price scores will be calculated by adding all associated costs together less any proposed discount to give a total NET cost. The provider that scores the lowest overall NET score will be awarded 100%. Other bids will be compared against the lowest bid and scored on a pro-rata basis using the following formula:

$$\text{Lowest NET bid price} \div \text{Other NET bid price} \times 100 \% \text{ (Total maximum marks available).}$$

Tenderers must also show all other costs that will be associated with the Contract for example rates or expenses. The Council will not consider claims for extra payment for items that have not been specified.

40%

Terms and Conditions

Suppliers who do not accept the Contracting Authority's Terms and Conditions will be deemed to have scored a Fail against this criterion.

Pass / Fail

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Contracting authority

Newcastle City Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBHM-6848-TWYG

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government