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Tender

Contract for United Kingdom Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) E38 Addressing Skills Needs for Employment

Durham County Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-040fa4

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Durham County Council

County Hall

DURHAM

DH15UQ

Contact

Clare Musgrove

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC14 - Durham CC

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.durham.gov.uk

Buyer's address

www.nepo.org

I.3) Communication

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

www.nepo.org

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.nepo.org

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

Contract for United Kingdom Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) E38 Addressing Skills Needs for Employment

Reference number

DN692441

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The council is looking to procure one lead bidder on behalf of a partnership, to lead, monitor, manage and deliver a programme of localised skills support (Referred to as Lead Partner hereafter). The contract is to support individuals who are experiencing skills barriers to access employment opportunities in sectors that are identified locally as having skills/recruitment needs.

Experience shows such opportunities fit well with a partnership model where one provider has the experience and infrastructure to lead a range of other organisations, ensuring the project has good geographical and subject coverage.

Provision should target individuals who reside in areas impacted by increased levels of deprivation and/or rural isolation with emphasis on those nearest the labour market. Intelligence of the social and economic barriers that affect County Durham residents must be utilised to deliver skills support programmes as well as access to integrated support for individuals in these localities.

Provision should not duplicate mainstream funded activity available to this cohort. Examples would include but are not limited to, Government programmes such as 'Skills Bootcamps' in sectors that are available in County Durham. Support should be supplemented by life and basic skills delivered through existing provision, such as Adult Education Budget, Multiply etc.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £2,600,000

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

- UKC14 - Durham CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This procurement is issued under an Open Tender process in line with Public Contracts Regulation 2015, under Regulation 74 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 for contracts for social and other specific services (Light Touch Regime).

II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement

Start date

1 February 2024

End date

28 February 2025

II.2.14) Additional information

The proposed contract is to be let with an option to extend for a further 12 months from the actual end date dependant on funding and commissioner approval.

Tender documents can be accessed, free of charge, at www.nepo.org using reference DN692441

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

27 November 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of England and Wales

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom