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Tender

Contract for United Kingdom Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) E37 Tailored support for the employed to access courses

Durham County Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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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) E37 Tailored support for the employed to access courses

Reference number

DN694296

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

UKSPF Skills E37 Tailored Support for the Employed to Access Courses.

The council wishes to procure provision which will provide support for the under-employed and those at risk of redundancy under the skills strand of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. The provision must support the growth and productivity agenda by providing access to agile training/upskilling solutions required by growth sectors and those facing ongoing recruitment difficulties.

This will be achieved through the provision of flexible workforce skills support programmes to address intermediate (equivalent to Level 21), technical (at any Level1) and higher-level (equivalent to Level 31 or above) skills gaps and shortages by creating opportunities for employees to upskill and/or retrain. This will support their career progression and/or help them to adapt to changes resulting from business restructures or redundancy.

The council is looking to procure a range of providers against geographic lots to provide full geographic coverage. Bidders must offer a range of accredited and non-accredited learning delivery, relevant to the companies/growth sectors in the Lot under which they are bidding. Bidders must be able to respond to the needs of companies looking to upskill the workforce as well as in the case of a restructure or redundancy situation.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £3,300,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots

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The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

Bidders may bid for :

The maximum of the full funding available for a Geographical LOT

OR

Exactly half of the value of a single Geographical LOT (other than in LOT 3 - East Durham where only bids for the full value will be considered)

AND

A maximum of 2 Geographic LOTs regardless of ½ or Full LOT proposal.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

LOT 1 - North Durham

Lot No

1

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.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £884,000

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.

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

LOT 2 - Mid Durham

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - 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.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £786,000

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.

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

LOT 3 - East Durham

Lot No

3

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.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £426,000

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.

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

LOT 4 - South West Durham

Lot No

4

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.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,178,000

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.

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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