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## **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**

[clare.musgrove@durham.gov.uk](mailto:clare.musgrove@durham.gov.uk)

**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](http://www.durham.gov.uk)

Buyer's address

[www.nepo.org](http://www.nepo.org)

**I.3) Communication**

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

[www.nepo.org](http://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](http://www.nepo.org)

**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**

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  
2

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 1/2 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



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## **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