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Tender

Centres for Excellence in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) 2025

The Education and Training Foundation

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Scope

Reference

25-26.SEND-65

Description

The Education and Training Foundation wish to commission two Centres for Excellence in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) one with the theme of 'People' and one with the theme of 'Careers'. Each Centre of Excellence in SEND will design and deliver CPD based on these themes for leaders, managers and practitioners who wish to put learners with SEND at the centre of their organisation, resulting in learners achieving the outcomes they aspire to. Each Centre for Excellence will have national reach across England.

Working closely with ETF and SEND Employer Spokes, the Centres for Excellence SEND will design and deliver live online events, Community of Practice sessions and complete Peer Reviews focused on developing a whole organisational approach to SEND. This will result in learners achieving the outcomes they aspire to. Preparation for Adulthood is a key priority for the Centres. Each Centre will be able offer a specialism in a designated

theme and will have equal parity, providing peer to peer support and sharing effective practice to the other Centres and Employer Spokes and the FE sector.

Total value (estimated)

- £138,848 excluding VAT
- £173,560 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 13 August 2025 to 31 March 2026
- Possible extension to 31 March 2027
- 1 year, 7 months, 19 days

Description of possible extension:

The value of the contract for each Centre is circa 86,780 GBP inclusive of VAT. Duration of the contract is 13 August 2025 - 31 March 2026 with a possible extension of one year subject to funding.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Conditions of participation

The Education and Training Foundation (ETF) seeks wherever possible to take a sector led approach to recruit FE providers who have been graded 'Good' or 'Outstanding' from Ofsted and/or Care Quality Commission (CQC) for SEND provision.

There are two themes available for tenderers to bid for. Tenderers can choose to bid for one or both themes. However, if they are bidding for both themes, they will only be awarded a contract for one theme.

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

4 July 2025, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

11 July 2025, 5:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Tenderer should upload their response to the mytenders website www.mytenders.co.uk by the stated deadline.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Approach and Methodology	Quality	25.00%
Capability, Capacity and Skills	Quality	15.00%
Equality and Diversity	Quality	15.00%
Price and Total Contract Value	Cost	15.00%
Project Impact and Outcomes	Quality	10.00%
Communications, Recruitment and Dissemination	Quality	10.00%
Added Value	Quality	10.00%

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Special regime

Light touch

Documents

Associated tender documents

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Authority/NoticeBuilder/NoticeBuilder_FileDownload.aspx?id=603246

Invitation to Tender - Centres for Excellence in SEND

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Authority/NoticeBuilder/NoticeBuilder_FileDownload.aspx?id=603247

Tender Response Document - Centres for Excellence in SEND

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Authority/NoticeBuilder/NoticeBuilder_FileDownload.aspx?id=603248

Annex 1 - ETF's 12 principles of effective CPD in Further Education

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Authority/NoticeBuilder/NoticeBuilder_FileDownload.aspx?id=603249

ETF Programme Learning Services Agreement

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Authority/NoticeBuilder/NoticeBuilder_FileDownload.aspx?id=603250

ETF Delivery Partner Power BI terms and conditions

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Authority/NoticeBuilder/NoticeBuilder_FileDownload.aspx?id=603251

ETF Delivery Partner Zoom licence terms and conditions

Contracting authority

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