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## **Suffolk Wide Skills and Employment Programme**

Suffolk County Council

F02: Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.suffolksourcing.uk](http://www.suffolksourcing.uk)

**I.3) Communication**

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

<http://www.suffolksourcing.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

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**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**

Suffolk Wide Skills and Employment Programme

Reference number

CD1417

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80530000 - Vocational training services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Suffolk-Wide Skills and Employment Programme - With the closure of European Social Fund projects and the increasing need for supporting local people into work, or progressing in their careers, using funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, Suffolk County Council (SCC) have been commissioned by Suffolk District and Borough Councils (Babergh District Council, East Suffolk Council, Ipswich Borough Council, Mid Suffolk District Council and West Suffolk Council) to appoint a Single Service Delivery Provider or Group with a 'Lead Operator' to deliver employment and skills support to those who need support to get back into/or progress in work. Procurement Policy Note 09/21 requires us to calculate the value of contracts inclusive of VAT, however we can advertise them exclusive of VAT. The advertised value here is £2,060,000 exclusive of VAT. This open procurement with negotiation complies with the Light Touch regime under the PCR15.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 – Youth Project 16 – 24 years old

Lot No

Lot 1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services
- 80530000 - Vocational training services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The service will provide intensive & flexible 1 to 1 support for young people aged 16-24, who are facing multiple and/or significant barriers. Focussing primarily on those who are NEET (Not in Employment, Education or Training); the service will support individuals to address barriers, develop 'soft' skills, 'hard' skills, and gain basic qualifications.

'Personal development leads' will support the customer through an individual journey of development appropriate to their needs by utilising existing or new personal support, skills programmes, and other activities.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

1 April 2024

End date

31 March 2026

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2 - Adult Project 18+

Lot No

Lot 2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services
- 80530000 - Vocational training services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

We are looking to procure a service that will offer flexible and personalised support to Suffolk residents and local businesses – to cover the period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. We would like to see a multi-stranded approach, which can work with individuals aged 18 or over who may be economically inactive or employed. The activity should include an initial assessment and a formal plan of action, which will signpost to other existing provision and include appropriate interventions/activities funded directly by this project. We are looking for one lead supplier but expect the lead supplier to subcontract (although this isn't essential) or work in partnership with a range of VCFSE Organisations and Providers from across the County to ensure that their specialist provision is utilised,

and a community-based approach assured. We also anticipate the supplier will have knowledge of existing providers and signpost to other funded services as relevant to ensure best use of funding and to reduce duplication.

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Date

11 December 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Tender must be valid until: 31 January 2024

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

11 December 2023

Local time

12:00pm



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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

If the Contracting Authority identifies that the scope of this procurement falls within a business sector which may be attractive to infiltration by organised crime groups, the Contracting Authority reserves the right to include enhanced probity checks / requirements at the award stages of the procurement. Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: Suffolk County Council incorporates a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period from the point at which information on the award of contract is communicated to the tenderers. This period allows unsuccessful tenderers to seek further debriefing from the contracting authority before the contract is entered into. If an appeal regarding the award of contract has not been successfully resolved: The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or at risk of harm by a breach of the rules, to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Any such action must be brought promptly.

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Suffolk County Council

Ipswich

Country

United Kingdom