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Tender

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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NUTS code

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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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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

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

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

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