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Tender

GCP Skills & Apprenticeship Service 2025

Cambridgeshire County Council on behalf of the Greater Cambridge Partnership

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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Buyer's address

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I.3) Communication

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=ffc974b4-9875-ef11-812f-005056b64545>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=ffc974b4-9875-ef11-812f-005056b64545>

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

GCP Skills & Apprenticeship Service 2025

Reference number

DN741465

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This project is an opportunity to deliver key skills activities in Greater Cambridge. These activities will fundamentally underpin the growth of the economy in one of fastest growing areas of the UK. This project has a number of core themes (listed below) including delivering apprenticeships and training opportunities, mentoring and careers guidance. In delivering these activities the successful bidder will be required to work across the breadth of the Greater Cambridge ecosystem.

The successful bidder will need work in collaboration with the Greater Cambridge community and specifically with businesses, schools, membership organisations and other educational establishments. The service will require a close working relationship with other local government bodies, such as the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, to ensure joined up working and avoiding duplication of efforts.

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) has been funding specific skills activity across the last ten years. Current activity, as set out in our latest reports is broadly delivering well against its KPI's. We want to see continued delivery in these key areas. The GCP is now looking to expand on the success of the existing provision and provide a service with a wider focus.

The focus of the Service will be in the following key areas:

1. Apprenticeships, training programmes and internships – promote and support young people to secure these opportunities. Work directly with young people, educators, parents and employers to do so. KPI's to demonstrate numbers against 3 areas:

- Apprenticeships
- Work experience placements
- Internships

Activities to specifically focus on:

- Awareness of opportunities
- Encouraging and supporting the application process
- Signposting employers to a wide range of training providers

2. Careers Guidance Secondary Schools - offer careers and employability support to every child at a Greater Cambridge state secondary school.

3. Careers Advice Primary Schools – Engage with all primary schools in Greater Cambridge to support them to embed careers awareness activities into the curriculum. Including though an annual careers fair.

4. Mentoring – Provide targeted support to children who are at risk of being NEET through targeted mentoring arrangements.

5. Engagement with parents/carers – engage with parents/carers to inform, raise awareness and equip them to support their young people.

6. Supporting staff – through targeted activity, support and equip staff in educational environments with a detailed understanding of current and emerging work opportunities for their students.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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This requirement is not split into Lots, as the authority require one single provider to service this requirement, for ease of management and to drive efficiencies.

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

Duration in months

24

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

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 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

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Local time

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Cambridgeshire County Council

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Royal Courts of Justice

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Authority will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar days standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. The duration of this

standstill will be disclosed at this point.

This period allows unsuccessful tenderers to seek further debriefing from the Contracting Authority before the contract is entered into. Such additional information should be required

from (Refer to address in Part 1.1). If an appeal regarding the award of a contract has not been successfully resolved the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (Chapter 6) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are 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. Where a contract has not been entered into the Court may order the setting aside of the

award decision or order the authority to amend any document and may award damages. If the contract has been entered into the Court may order the ineffectiveness of a contract where serious breach have occurred in addition to any fine, the Court may instead provide for

alternative penalties, either contract shortening, fines or both.

Please ensure that you read the tender documents carefully in order to be aware of the requirements and relevant deadlines.

The Council reserves the right to award all, part or none of the business forming the subject

matter of this procurement and to abandon, halt, pause, or postpone this procurement at any time. Under no circumstances will the Council incur any liability (including, but not limited to, liability as to costs) in respect of this procurement exercise, the abandonment of the same, or any documentation issued as part of this procurement exercise.