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Tender

Quality improvement support services for early education and childcare providers

Liverpool City Council

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Scope

Reference

DN779989

Description

The Council requires a provider of quality improvement support services to funded early education and childcare providers.

The Council currently provides early years entitlement funding to 145 private, voluntary and independent (PVI) nurseries (including those run by school academies), 97 childminders, 79 maintained schools (nursery classes and nursery schools).

Bidders will be required to submit proposals for a universal and targeted offer which will provide quality improvement support for Council funded early years providers.

Total value (estimated)

- £1,643,028 excluding VAT
- £1,971,634 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 3 November 2025 to 2 November 2027
- Possible extension to 2 November 2029
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

There will be an option to extend the contract for up to 24 months if performance under the contract is in line with the contract KPI's and the requirement for the services remains.

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

There will be options to obtain additional services through the contract should demand alter throughout the contract term.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80110000 - Pre-school education services

Contract locations

- UKD7 - Merseyside

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

As set out in the procurement documents, Procurement Specific Questionnaire.

Technical ability conditions of participation

As set out in the procurement documents, Procurement Specific Questionnaire.

Submission

Enquiry deadline

18 July 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

25 July 2025, 11:00am

Submission address and any special instructions

Tender must be submitted electronically using the Council's procurement portal, <https://procontract.duenorth.com/Opportunities/Index?tabName=opportunities&resetFilter=True> , full details can be found in the procurement documents.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

29 September 2025

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 3 July 2028

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	90%
Social Value	Quality	10%

Other information

Payment terms

Payment will be quarterly in arrears, full details available in the procurement documents.

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Reduced tendering period

Yes

Light touch contract - no minimum

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Opportunities/Index?resetFilter=True&applyFilter=True&p=e0cc5631-4690-e511-80fb-000c29c9ba21&v=1>

The procurement documents can be found on the Council's procurement portal website above. Under Current Opportunities search the reference DN779989.

Contracting authority

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