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Award

25_26 Shared Prosperity Funding - Specialised Business Support

East Sussex County Council

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Scope

Reference

PROJ1000839

Description

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) is the UK Government's replacement for European Structural Investment Fund (ESiF) that included both the European Social Fund (ESF) and the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), and is managed by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

The partnership of East Sussex, Eastbourne, Lewes, Rother, and Wealden Councils will be known as the 'Local SPF Partnership'.

This procurement aims to appoint a single supplier to deliver high quality, impactful business support to ambitious SMEs in East Sussex.

Contract 1

Supplier

- Oxford Innovation Advice

Contract value

- £710,000 excluding VAT
- £852,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

8 July 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

8 July 2025

Standstill period

- End: 18 July 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

21 July 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 22 July 2025 to 31 March 2026
- Possible extension to 31 March 2027
- 1 year, 8 months, 10 days

Description of possible extension:

The potential extension of a further 12 months is subject to funding.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

Information about tenders

- 27 tenders received

- 20 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 0 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 19 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

Oxford Innovation Advice

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Oxford

OX1 4EH

United Kingdom

Email: tenders@oxin.co.uk

Region: UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

East Sussex County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXGX-2145-PRQJ

County Hall, St Anne's Crescent

Lewes

BN7 1UE

United Kingdom

Email: ProcurementPMO@eastsussex.gov.uk

Region: UKJ22 - East Sussex CC

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government