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Tender

Adult Learning and Skills Open Framework (LTR)

West Sussex County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

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

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Adult Learning and Skills Open Framework (LTR)

Reference number

0859

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Creation of a new open Framework using Light Touch Regime (LTR) For Adult Learning and Skills

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £80,000,000

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

16-19 Programmes

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Our ambition is to provide a county-wide pre-employment / study programme, based in the community, which provides support and opportunities for West Sussex's most vulnerable young people to maximise their potentials.

Programmes will engage young people aged 16-19 and up to 25 if they have an Education and Health Care Plan, who are often living in challenging and complex circumstances, may be NEET or at risk of being NEET, have had negative previous education experiences and are a long way away from being able to move into more formal FE college provision, apprenticeships or work.

Delivery partners will be required to provide accessible and supportive 'routeways' for young people into, through and onward from the programme.

Core programme requirements include:

Work placements

English (Functional Skills)

Maths (Functional Skills)

Employability Skills

Group activities, personal development and tutorials.

16 to 19 funding: how it works - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

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

29 November 2024

End date

28 November 2032

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

Adult Skills

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Adult Skills curriculum focusses on providing individuals with 'routeways to success', primarily into employment / more sustainable employment, but also to further learning as part of an individual's progression.

It includes:

support for 4 legal entitlements for eligible adult learners as set out in the Apprenticeships, Skills and Children Learning Act 2009, and enables eligible learners to be fully funded for the following qualifications:

English and maths up to and including level 2 for individuals aged 19 and over who have not previously achieved a GCSE grade A* to C or grade 4 or higher, and/or have been assessed as having an existing skill level lower than grade 4 (even if they have previously achieved a GCSE or equivalent qualification in English or maths)

first full qualification at level 2 for individuals aged 19 to 23, and/or

first full qualification at level 3 for individuals aged 19 to 23

Essential Digital Skills qualifications (EDSQs) or Digital Functional Skills qualifications (DFSQs), up to and including level 1, for individuals aged 19 and over, who have digital skills assessed at below level 1

our "Routes into..." programme which focusses on a range of employment sectors / vocations which align to those identified in the Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP), by West Sussex Department of Work and Pensions and Jobcentre Plus colleagues and WSCC colleagues.

Adult Skills is primarily focussed on regulated qualifications but may include specific non-regulated provision, particularly English, Maths, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and Essential Digital Skills for individuals who:

are assessed as requiring additional support and development in order to be ready to progress to a qualification or engage with employment,

require independent living skills or engagement in learning which supports them to operate confidently and effectively in life and work.

Adult Skills learning aims must be approved for use by the DfE.

Adult skills fund: funding rules for 2024 to 2025 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Community/Tailored Learning

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

ommunity / Tailored Learning seeks “to widen participation and transform people’s destinies by supporting progression relevant to personal circumstances”.

This ambition will be realised through high quality, accessible and impactful non-qualification learning programmes which enable individuals to reach their potential through a curriculum offer that supports five inter-related outcomes:

Provision develops the skills, confidence, motivation, and resilience of adults of different ages and backgrounds in order to:

progress towards formal learning or employment and / or

improve their health and well-being, including mental health and / or

develop stronger communities.

Provision engages with and supports the most vulnerable and hard to access residents, whether that be, for example, a result of life circumstances / changes, deprivation, poor prior attainment, ill health, loss of employment etc.

Provision must be responsive to known need(s), be readily accessible ensuring entry points and ‘return to learning’ points for adults (aged 19+).

Community / Tailored Learning funding will be used to commission a wide range of specialist community-based organisations across West Sussex who can demonstrate the knowledge, skills and links in their specialism / geographic location required to deliver a learning programme to adults.

Grants will provide an opportunity for some organisations who have little or no experience of delivering ESFA funded and Ofsted regulated provision, but who demonstrate the attributes to be supported through this programme to do so in the future.

'Tailored Learning' is included in Adult skills fund: funding rules for 2024 to 2025 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Family Learning and Parenting

Lot No

7

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Family Learning provides a unique range of opportunities for families, to learn together to raise skills across generations. The learning environment is relaxed and 'non-threatening', yet purposeful. Provision is usually delivered in partnership, for example with schools, children and family centres and libraries.

Family Learning and Parenting provision supports families (in the widest sense: children, parents, carers, grandparents) through programmes which:

increase parents' involvement in their children's learning,

improve family health and wellbeing,

increase social and community engagement,

raise aspirations and create positive attitudes to learning,

support transitions (e.g. school phases),

improve confidence and employability skills for adults,

improve young people's development and attainment.

Partners maybe sought to deliver programmes which complement existing Adult Learning provision.

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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

Level 3 Free Courses for Jobs

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Free Courses For Jobs (FCFJ) programme supports adults aged 19-23 who are unemployed or below the Government defined earnings threshold in achieving their first full level 3 qualification.

The qualifications must support the development of new skills for learners and improve their prospects in the West Sussex labour market.

Funded level 3 FCFJ qualifications are available via the DfE list of qualifications approved for funding.

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Skills Bootcamps

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Department for Education (DfE) definition of Skills Bootcamps is: "Skills Bootcamps are free, flexible courses of up to 16 weeks, giving people the chance to build sector-specific skills with an offer of a job interview at the end, giving learners direct line of sight into a job. Training is designed and delivered in partnership with employers to ensure they deliver the skills needed.

Skills Bootcamps are available across a range of sectors and help people develop priority skills that are in demand at both local and national level, typically at levels 3 to 5 or equivalent (medium to higher level technical skills) and level 2 in some sectors (e.g. green construction, HGV drivers).

Skills Bootcamp training must either be accredited, aligned to occupational standards managed by the Institute for Apprenticeship & Technical Education (IFATE) or utilise a recognised standard for representing attainment (e.g. Recognising and Recording Progress and Achievement (RARPA)."

Skills Bootcamps funding and performance management - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

In West Sussex, Skills Bootcamps will be aligned to the priorities identified in the Local Skill Improvement Plan (LSIP) and to meet the specific needs and demands of employers based in the county and travel to earn / learn area.

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II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Skills for Life and Work Projects

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot will enable WSCC to respond to appropriate national, regional and / or local projects, campaigns or initiatives in a timely and responsive manner for the benefit of West Sussex residents, businesses and support services.

Programmes are anticipated to have strong 'skills for life and work' themes and be prioritised to support those living in hardship, who are vulnerable and hard to access, whether that be, for example, a result of life circumstances / changes, deprivation, poor prior attainment, ill health, loss of employment etc.

'Multiply', funded by the Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund 2022-23 to 2024-25, is an example of the type of programme which would be administered through this lot.

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Options: No

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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.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

N/A

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

1 November 2032

Local time

12:00am

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

Duration in months: 96 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

29 November 2024

Local time

5:00pm

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

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