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Tender

ACE 1011 ITT - Private Dance Schools Research 2025/26

Arts Council England

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Scope

Reference

ACE 1011 ITT

Description

ACE 1011 ITT - Private Dance Schools Research 2025/26

ACE is seeking a contractor to conduct research that will help ACE to better understand the current role of Private Dance Schools / studios throughout England (in terms how they fit into local cultural infrastructure, particularly in relation to geographical and socio-economic differences). ACE also seeks to understand how Private Dance Schools/studios contribute to 1) professional pathways and workforce development, and 2) promotion of under-represented and culturally diverse dance forms.

Please note this tender is being evaluated on the basis of the scope of requirements and budget available for the initial term only (6th Oct 2025 - 31st Mar 2026, £40,000 including VAT). Subject to satisfactory contract performance and further budget approval for the project's continuation, there is the option to extend the contract to December 2026. The next stage of the project will utilise the mapping completed in this study to determine the

opportunities for diversification and talent development across the private dance schools sector. The further budget for the project's continuation if approved, is likely be in the region of £48,000 including VAT.

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Manchester:-Research-services./5QU8H5796H>

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Total value (estimated)

- £73,333.33 excluding VAT
- £88,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 6 October 2025 to 31 March 2026
- Possible extension to 31 December 2026
- 1 year, 2 months, 26 days

Description of possible extension:

Subject to satisfactory contract performance and further budget approval for the project's continuation, there is the option to extend the contract to December 2026. The next stage of the project will utilise the mapping completed in this study to determine the opportunities for diversification and talent development across the private dance schools sector. The further budget for the project's continuation if approved, is likely be in the region of £48,000 including VAT.

For the avoidance of doubt, please note this tender is being evaluated on the basis of the scope of requirements and budget available for the initial term only.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73110000 - Research services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

30 July 2025, 4:00pm

Tender submission deadline

8 August 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/respond/5QU8H5796H>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Total Quality	Quality	80%
Total Price	Price	20%

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Contracting authority

Arts Council England

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBGY-4385-GQGP

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