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## **Approved Provider List for the Provision of Skills Bootcamps**

Buckinghamshire Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.supplybucksbusiness.org.uk>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.supplybucksbusiness.org.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.supplybucksbusiness.org.uk>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Approved Provider List for the Provision of Skills Bootcamps

Reference number

DN755256

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

Buckinghamshire Council is seeking to create an approved provider list of suitably qualified organisations to deliver innovative Skills Bootcamps across Buckinghamshire.

Skills Bootcamps are part of the Government's Lifetime Skills Guarantee, helping everyone gain skills for life. Buckinghamshire Council is planning to apply for up to an estimated £10.5 million funding over the next 3 years from the Department of Education to support learners through Skills Bootcamps.

Skills Bootcamps are flexible training courses for adults aged 19 and over (subject to eligibility criteria). They last up to 16 weeks with a minimum of 60 hours of learning, enabling participants to complete training around work and other commitments, and are open for participants looking to gain work, wishing to upskill, or access new opportunities, and will offer a guaranteed job interview (in the case of a new job) to individual participants on completion of the course. The courses are open to adults who are full-time and part-time employed, unemployed or returning to work after a break or self-employed, to address the needs of employers and the wider economy, to deliver targeted interventions to meet short/medium term demand to fill vacancies and drive productivity.

To find out more about the national programme and skills bootcamps go to <https://find-employer-schemes.education.gov.uk/>

We are inviting organisations to apply to join the approved provider list to deliver skills bootcamps in Buckinghamshire across the following subject areas called Lots:

Lot 1 – Digital

Lot 2 – Construction

Lot 3 - Green Skills

Lot 4 – Engineering (e.g. Motor Vehicle Technician)

Lot 5 – Creative

Lot 6 - Business and Administration

Lot 7 - Hospitality and Tourism

Lot 8 - Education and Early Years

These support interventions will help to support the upskilling of individuals between Level 2 to Level 3 with qualifications relevant to the sector and the job.

The approved provider list will be in place for 3 years.

It is anticipated that call-off contracts will be conducted annually from the list either by direct award or mini-competition. If additional funds become available during the year, the Council reserves the right to conduct a direct award or mini competition to allocate the additional funds. It is anticipated the first call-off contracts will commence April 2025.

The estimated value of call-off contracts is £10,500,000 over 3 years. This figure is an estimate only and is subject to funding. It is based on the Council's application for funding for 2025-26 from the Department for Education to support learners through Skills Bootcamps.

All contracts awarded under this opportunity will be subject to available budget and resource.

The approved provider list is being established under the Public Contract Regulation 2015 Light Touch Regime (LTR).

Organisations wishing to apply to join the Approved Provider List for Skills Bootcamps in a Lot(s) are requested to register on the Council's portal [www.supplybucksbusiness.org.uk](http://www.supplybucksbusiness.org.uk), express and interest in this procurement, download and return completed in full the relevant documentation (guidance, specifications, contract terms and conditions, and response document questionnaires) which is available for download.

Applications must be returned via the Buckinghamshire Business Portal. The application return date is midday on Friday 10th January 2025. Applications received after this time and date will not be accepted.

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 8

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Skills Bootcamps in Digital

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80300000 - Higher education services
- 80400000 - Adult and other education services
- 80500000 - Training services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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We are inviting organisations to apply to join the approved provider list to deliver skills bootcamps in Buckinghamshire across the following subject area:

Lot 1 – Digital

These support interventions will help to support the upskilling of individuals between Level 2 to Level 3 with qualifications relevant to the sector and the job.

The approved provider list will be in place for 3 years.

## **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £462,000

## **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Duration in months

36

## **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**

Skills Bootcamps in Construction

Lot No

**II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80300000 - Higher education services
- 80400000 - Adult and other education services
- 80500000 - Training services

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

**II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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We are inviting organisations to apply to join the approved provider list to deliver skills bootcamps in Buckinghamshire across the following subject area:

Lot 2 – Construction

These support interventions will help to support the upskilling of individuals between Level 2 to Level 3 with qualifications relevant to the sector and the job.

The approved provider list will be in place for 3 years.

## **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £3,126,000

## **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Duration in months

36

## **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**

Skills Bootcamps in Green Skills

Lot No

3

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80300000 - Higher education services
- 80400000 - Adult and other education services
- 80500000 - Training services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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We are inviting organisations to apply to join the approved provider list to deliver skills bootcamps in Buckinghamshire across the following subject area:

Lot 3 – Green Skills

These support interventions will help to support the upskilling of individuals between Level 2 to Level 3 with qualifications relevant to the sector and the job.

The approved provider list will be in place for 3 years.

## **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £945,000

## **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Duration in months

36

## **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**

Skills Bootcamps in Engineering (Automotive)

Lot No

4

## **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80300000 - Higher education services
- 80400000 - Adult and other education services
- 80500000 - Training services

## **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

## **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Buckinghamshire Council is seeking to create an approved provider list of suitably qualified organisations to deliver innovative Skills Bootcamps across Buckinghamshire.

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We are inviting organisations to apply to join the approved provider list to deliver skills bootcamps in Buckinghamshire across the following subject area:

Lot 4 – Engineering (Automotive)

These support interventions will help to support the upskilling of individuals between Level 2 to Level 3 with qualifications relevant to the sector and the job.

The approved provider list will be in place for 3 years.

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,052,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Duration in months

36

### **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**

Skills Bootcamps in Creative

Lot No

5

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80300000 - Higher education services
- 80400000 - Adult and other education services
- 80500000 - Training services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Buckinghamshire Council is seeking to create an approved provider list of suitably qualified organisations to deliver innovative Skills Bootcamps across Buckinghamshire.

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We are inviting organisations to apply to join the approved provider list to deliver skills bootcamps in Buckinghamshire across the following subject area:

Lot 5 – Creative

These support interventions will help to support the upskilling of individuals between Level 2 to Level 3 with qualifications relevant to the sector and the job.

The approved provider list will be in place for 3 years.

## **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,829,750

## **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Duration in months

36

## **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**

## Skills Bootcamps in Business and Administration

Lot No

6

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80300000 - Higher education services
- 80400000 - Adult and other education services
- 80500000 - Training services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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We are inviting organisations to apply to join the approved provider list to deliver skills bootcamps in Buckinghamshire across the following subject area:

Lot 6 – Business and Administration

These support interventions will help to support the upskilling of individuals between Level 2 to Level 3 with qualifications relevant to the sector and the job.

The approved provider list will be in place for 3 years.

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £531,270

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Duration in months

36

### **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**

Skills Bootcamps in Hospitality and Tourism

Lot No

7

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80300000 - Higher education services
- 80400000 - Adult and other education services
- 80500000 - Training services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

## **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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We are inviting organisations to apply to join the approved provider list to deliver skills bootcamps in Buckinghamshire across the following subject area:

Lot 7 – Hospitality and Tourism

These support interventions will help to support the upskilling of individuals between Level 2 to Level 3 with qualifications relevant to the sector and the job.

The approved provider list will be in place for 3 years.

## **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £210,000

## **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Duration in months

36

## **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**

Skills Bootcamps in Education and Early Years

Lot No

8

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80300000 - Higher education services
- 80400000 - Adult and other education services
- 80500000 - Training services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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We are inviting organisations to apply to join the approved provider list to deliver skills

bootcamps in Buckinghamshire across the following subject area:

Lot 8 – Education and Early Years

These support interventions will help to support the upskilling of individuals between Level 2 to Level 3 with qualifications relevant to the sector and the job.

The approved provider list will be in place for 3 years.

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £192,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Duration in months

36

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation**

List and brief description of rules and criteria

All criteria are stated in the procurement documents accessed via [www.supplybucksbusiness.org.uk](http://www.supplybucksbusiness.org.uk)

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

All criteria are stated in the procurement documents accessed via [www.supplybucksbusiness.org.uk](http://www.supplybucksbusiness.org.uk)

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Form of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure**

All criteria are stated in the procurement documents accessed via  
[www.supplybucksbusiness.org.uk](http://www.supplybucksbusiness.org.uk)

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Date

10 January 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The estimated value in II.2.6 for each Lot is over 3 years. This figure is an estimate only and is subject to funding. It is based on the Councils application for funding for 2025-26 from the Department for Education to support learners through Skills Bootcamps.

All contracts awarded under this opportunity will be subject to available budget and resource.

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court

The Royal Courts of Justice

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom