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Award

Sub-Contracting Partnerships Framework

The City of Liverpool College

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Scope

Reference

T: 2024 - 016

Description

The City of Liverpool College are seeking to establish a framework to work with a number of suitable training providers to deliver a variety of qualifications and/or programmes. The process will involve the completion of this ITT document; the College will judge each application against the scoring matrix detailed within this ITT document.

Please note that there is a Pass/Fail element within this tender, providers must have demonstrate/evidence the following:

- Providers with a current full inspection outcome of 'outstanding' or 'good', if applicable
- Ofsted monitoring visits judgements of 'reasonable' and 'significant' progress, if applicable

The framework will consist of 3 x separate lots and will operate on a ranking system. To

be accepted on the Framework providers will be required to score a minimum of 70% against the defined criteria. Training providers must identify which lot they are responding to and ensure that they complete the relevant tab on the Appendix B Scoring matrix, failure to complete this part will result in your bid being rejected.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Lot 1. HE Subcontracting

Description

- HE Subcontracting HNC & HND Musical Theatre for 2026/27
- HNC & HND Dance Training for 2026/27
- HND Computing for England for 2026/27 - 2 year course
- HND Game Development for 2026/27 - 2 year course

Lot 2. • Non-Devolved Adult Skills Fund (Subcontracting) DfE

Description

Lot 2: Non-Devolved Adult Skills Fund (Subcontracting) The College is seeking suitable training providers to deliver qualifications and/or programmes eligible for funding under the College's Adult Skills Fund contract on its behalf, under the following general rules:

- All the provision must be delivered in the funding year specified; there is currently no scope to carry forward any funding to 2026/27. All the learning aims and learners must be eligible for DfE Adult Skills Funded (ASF) in 2025/26.
- Providers wishing to apply for this opportunity must have an active UKPRN and must have a track record of successful

subcontract delivery of qualifications. • The training must be delivered in full by the contracted training provider, i.e., only one level of subcontracting is permitted, and no second level subcontracting is permitted. • The Subcontractor, if awarded the contract, will be responsible for the recruitment of all learners, the delivery of training, the premises and resources required to deliver the training, awarding body accreditation and associated fees. • The quality of provision will be paramount as the College will retain responsibility to DfE and OFSTED for programme quality. • Providers with a current full inspection outcome of 'outstanding' or 'good', if applicable. • Ofsted monitoring visits judgements of 'reasonable' and 'significant' progress, if applicable. • Subcontractor must have Matrix accreditation

Lot 3. Lot 3: Free Courses for Jobs funding for Health and Social Care courses

Description

Funded by Level 3 Free Courses for Jobs funding in the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority area in line with our subcontracting strategy. The College is seeking suitable training providers to deliver qualifications and/or programmes eligible for funding under the College's Level 3 Free Courses for Jobs funding contract on its behalf, under the following general rules: • All the provision must be delivered in the 2025/26 funding year; there is currently no scope to carry forward any funding to 2026/27. All the learning aims and learners must be eligible for Level 3 Free Courses for Jobs funding in 2025/26 year (in line with DfE guidance using the approved the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority list of eligible courses) with the learner resident within the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority area to be eligible for funding through this contract. • Providers wishing to apply for this opportunity must have an active UKPRN and must have a proven record of successful subcontract delivery of qualifications. • The training must be delivered in full by the contracted training provider, i.e., only one level of subcontracting is permitted, and no second level subcontracting is permitted. • The Subcontractor, if awarded the contract, will be responsible for the recruitment of all learners, the delivery of training, the premises and resources required to deliver the training, awarding body accreditation and associated fees. • The quality of provision will be paramount as the College will retain responsibility to Liverpool City Region Combined Authority and OFSTED for programme quality. • Providers with a current full inspection outcome of 'outstanding' or 'good', if applicable. • Ofsted monitoring visits judgements of 'reasonable' and 'significant' progress, if applicable. • Subcontractor must have Matrix accreditation. • The management fee retained by the College will not generally exceed 20% as set out in our subcontracting policy. • Providers will be required to confirm compliance with the subcontractor requirements with the conditions of registration with Office for Students.

Contract 1. HE Subcontracting

Lots

Lot 1. HE Subcontracting

Suppliers (2)

- RARE LIVERPOOL LIMITED
- THE GAME ASSEMBLY LIMITED

Contract value

- £894,472 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

16 July 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

16 July 2025

Standstill period

- End: 25 July 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

1 August 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2029
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UKD72 - Liverpool

Contract 2. ASF NON-DEVOLVED ADULT SKILLS FUND

Lots

Lot 2. • Non-Devolved Adult Skills Fund (Subcontracting) DfE

Suppliers (2)

- ORANGEBOX TRAINING SOLUTIONS UK LIMITED
- SYSCO BUSINESS SKILLS ACADEMY LIMITED

Contract value

- £92,780 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Below the relevant threshold

Award decision date

16 July 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

16 July 2025

Earliest date the contract will be signed

1 August 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2029

- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UKD72 - Liverpool
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Contract 3. FREE COURSES FOR JOBS (FCFJ)

Lots

Lot 3. Lot 3: Free Courses for Jobs funding for Health and Social Care courses

Supplier

- SYSCO BUSINESS SKILLS ACADEMY LIMITED

Contract value

- £400,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Below the relevant threshold

Award decision date

16 July 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

16 July 2025

Earliest date the contract will be signed

1 August 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2029
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UKD72 - Liverpool

Information about tenders

Lot 1. HE Subcontracting

- 15 tenders received
 - 15 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 15 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 2 suppliers awarded contracts
 - 13 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Lot 2. • Non-Devolved Adult Skills Fund (Subcontracting) DfE

- 15 tenders received
 - 15 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 15 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 2 suppliers awarded contracts
 - 13 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Lot 3. Lot 3: Free Courses for Jobs funding for Health and Social Care courses

- 15 tenders received
- 15 tenders assessed in the final stage:

- 15 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 14 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Suppliers

ORANGEBOX TRAINING SOLUTIONS UK LIMITED

- Companies House: 07047501
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCZT-4451-YBRL

Exchange Building

Hartlepool

TS24 7DN

United Kingdom

Email: rachel.tallentire@orangeboxtraining.com

Website: <https://orangeboxtraining.com/>

Region: UKC11 - Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 2. ASF NON-DEVOLVED ADULT SKILLS FUND

RARE LIVERPOOL LIMITED

- Companies House: 11938237
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVZX-2951-LDZY

56 Wood Street

Liverpool

L1 4AQ

United Kingdom

Email: Admin@rarestudioliverpool.co.uk

Website: <http://www.rarestudioliverpool.co.uk>

Region: UKD72 - Liverpool

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. HE Subcontracting

SYSCO BUSINESS SKILLS ACADEMY LIMITED

- Companies House: 05768964
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVDX-5136-GCYT

Threlfall Building

Liverpool

L3 2BA

United Kingdom

Email: simon.dawson@sysco.uk.com

Website: <http://www.sysco.uk.com>

Region: UKD72 - Liverpool

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 2. ASF NON-DEVOLVED ADULT SKILLS FUND

Contract 3. FREE COURSES FOR JOBS (FCFJ)

THE GAME ASSEMBLY LIMITED

- Companies House: 13881612
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLYY-1912-XHPY

Sky View, Argosy Road, East Midlands Airport

Castle Donington

DE74 2SA

United Kingdom

Email: info@thegameassembly.co.uk

Website: <https://thegameassembly.com/uk/>

Region: UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. HE Subcontracting

Contracting authority

The City of Liverpool College

- UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number): 10003955

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZGX-5416-YRGY

The City of Liverpool College

The Learning Exchange, Liverpool

L1 9DW

United Kingdom

Email: payments@liv-coll.ac.uk

Region: UKD72 - Liverpool

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government