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Contract

Plate Welder Apprenticeship Standard

Hertford Regional College

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Scope

Reference

HRC MP16

Description

Hertford Regional College (HRC) intends to appoint a provider with relevant experience and a proven track record to deliver the Plate Welder Apprenticeship Standard.

Contracts will be for the delivery of learning against the funding the college receives from the Department for Education (DfE) and must meet the regulations outlined in the Apprenticeship Funding Rules.

The applicant will provide an individualised programme of learning that meets the requirements of the off the job training hours as set out in the funding rules and supports both apprentice and employer through to End Point Assessment.

The programme should be clearly aligned to the needs of local employers as well as supporting the College's rationale for subcontracting which can be found on our website

<https://www.hrc.ac.uk/about-hrc/partnerships-and-subcontractors>

HRC is seeking a provider that can deliver to a maximum of 36 apprentices within a 25 mile radius of either of our campuses and all starts should be within the 2025-2026 academic year as per the profile matrix provided. Please note that this procurement is for Apprenticeship funding only and applicants must be on the Apprenticeship Provider and Assessment Register.

This procurement is being run under the "light touch regime" and within the timescales set out in the attachments.

To participate in this procurement you must complete and submit the volumes and values spreadsheet and the procurement questionnaire located in the attachments to subcontracting@hrc.ac.uk or they can be requested via the contact details below.

If your organisation has not already completed the HRC Due Diligence checks, they must be completed, and a required assessment outcome achieved prior to any contract award. Due Diligence documentation can be requested via the contact details below.

HRC reserves the right not to award contracts based on the outcome of Due Diligence Checks.

Any incomplete or incorrectly completed submissions may be deemed non-compliant, and as a result you may be unable to proceed further in the procurement process.

Contract awards will be subject to a management fee of 20% and HRC reserves the right not to award contracts based on procurement question responses that score less than 150/300. We reserve the right to add weighting of 50% to question 3 of the procurement questionnaire, should it be required, to determine the most appropriate providers.

Contract 1

Supplier

- BetterWeld Group Ltd

Contract value

- £450,000 excluding VAT
- £450,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Date signed

21 July 2025

Contract dates

- 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2026
- 1 year

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80530000 - Vocational training services

Contract locations

- UKH - East of England

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Special regime

Light touch

Supplier

BetterWeld Group Ltd

Unit 3a Bradley Park, High Holburn Road

Ripley

DE5 3NW

United Kingdom

Email: admin@betterweld.org

Region: UKF13 - South and West Derbyshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

Hertford Regional College

- UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number): 10003035
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRHG-8934-DMGT

London Road

Ware

SG12 9JF

United Kingdom

Email: subcontracting@hrc.ac.uk

Website: <https://hrc.ac.uk/>

Region: UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government