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Tender

Development and Delivery of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council Labour Market Partnership Return to Work Programme 2025/2026

Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council

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Scope

Description

ABC Council seeks to appoint a suitably qualified team to fully manage, coordinate and deliver a Return-to-Work Programme in 2025/2026 to support the local economy and improve employment outcomes for individuals-particularly women-who have been economically inactive and are seeking to re-enter the labour market. This intervention is an important strand under Strategic Priority 2 of the ABC LMP Action Plan 2025/2026: To improve employability outcomes and/or labour market conditions locally.

Collaborative bids which demonstrate relevant experience are welcome. The successful delivery partner or collaboration partners will have extensive experience in supporting individuals returning to the workforce after a period of absence, particularly those facing barriers such as caring responsibilities, confidence issues, or outdated skills. This should include expertise in mentoring, employability training, and confidence-building interventions. Experience engaging with employers and/or the business community is also a requirement. Should demand or budget increase, contractors must have the capacity to scale delivery. Flexibility, creativity, and a person-centred approach will be critical to achieving the desired outcomes of this programme, which aims to provide a tailored pathway into sustainable, flexible employment or further training.

Total value (estimated)

- £72,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2025 to 31 March 2026
- Possible extension to 31 December 2026
- 1 year, 4 months

Description of possible extension:

to accommodate programme delivery in full

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80500000 - Training services
- 80530000 - Vocational training services
- 80570000 - Personal development training services
- 80400000 - Adult and other education services
- 79414000 - Human resources management consultancy services

- 79600000 - Recruitment services
- 79998000 - Coaching services

Submission

Tender submission deadline

18 August 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

90% quality / 10% cost

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Contracting authority

Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYMV-3527-LYNZ

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Region: UKN07 - Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland