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## **ID 5828340 - DfE - Skills for Life and Work Programme 2025**

Department for the Economy

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

ID 5828340

### **Description**

The Department for the Economy is seeking tenders for the delivery of the Skills for Life and Work Programme 2025. The programme will support a diverse cohort of young people through a relevant and empowering vocational education and training experience that equips them for progression to higher levels of learning or to employment, according to their own aspirations. The overall aim of the Programme is to ensure continuity of youth vocational education and training provision, contribute to social and economic inclusion, deliver skills learning and achievement, and act as a pathway to any next step. Many participants will enter the Programme with a disability or disabilities, and/or with a complex range of issues and barriers to learning and achievement, including mental wellbeing challenges and mental health difficulties. Additional disability support will be the responsibility of the training provider to deliver or source. Payment for this support will be covered in the funding table and contractual measures will be in place to ensure that this additional funding is ring-fenced and directed towards those young people with

disabilities. Suppliers should refer to the Specification Schedule for full detail on the deliverables of this contract.

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## **Contract 1. ID 5828340 - DfE - Skills for Life and Work Programme 2025**

### **Suppliers (20)**

- 21TRAINING LIMITED
- ASHTON COMMUNITY TRUST
- BRYSON ENERGY
- CLANRYE GROUP LIMITED
- Coalisland Training Services Ltd
- CRAFT TRAINING LTD
- D.F.P.F. LIMITED
- DERRY YOUTH AND COMMUNITY WORKSHOP LIMITED
- DISABILITY ACTION (NI)
- GAELCHURSAI LIMITED
- GET SKILLS EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING LTD
- IMPACT TRAINING (N.I) LIMITED
- LIMESTONE YOUTH TRAINING PROJECT LIMITED
- RUTLEDGE TRAINING LIMITED

- Skilled NI
- Springboard Opportunities Ltd
- SPRINGVALE TRAINING LIMITED
- THE NOW PROJECT LIMITED
- ULSTER SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT LIMITED
- WORKFORCE TRAINING SERVICES LIMITED

### **Contract value**

- £195,000,000 excluding VAT
- £234,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Award decision date**

1 August 2025

### **Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers**

1 August 2025

### **Standstill period**

- End: 13 August 2025
- 8 working days

### **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

14 August 2025

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 September 2025 to 1 September 2025
- Possible extension to 31 July 2031
- 5 years, 11 months

#### **Description of possible extension:**

The Award of Contract is anticipated to be August 2025 with the Initial Contract Period of up to two years commencing in September 2025, or as soon as possible thereafter (where 'up to two years' pertains to the period of recruitment of participants to the programme). There will be a run-off period following the Initial Contract Period during which all Contract provisions, terms and conditions will continue to apply. This is to accommodate the participant training entitlements set out in the Operational Requirements. Service delivery cannot commence until the first Monday of the September 2025, or as soon as possible thereafter following Contract commencement and the programme will close to new participant entrants after July 2027. There will be an option to extend the Initial Contract Period for a further four one-year periods , and if the Contract is extended the Programme will remain open to new participant entrants during the extension period. Participants recruited during the Initial Contract Period or the extension period will have a training entitlement as set out in the Operational Requirements.

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

### **Contract locations**

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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## Information about tenders

- 22 tenders received
- 20 tenders assessed in the final stage:
  - 11 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
  - 12 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 20 suppliers awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Open procedure

### Special regime

Light touch

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## Suppliers

## **21TRAINING LIMITED**

- Companies House: NI675540
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJTQ-4631-ZVHD

66 Main Street

Strabane

BT82 8AX

United Kingdom

Email: [oward@21.training](mailto:oward@21.training)

Website: <http://www.21.training>

Region: UKN0A - Derry City and Strabane

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## **ASHTON COMMUNITY TRUST**

- Companies House: NI034595
- Charity Commission for Northern Ireland: NIC104639

Ashton Centre, 5 Churchill Street

Belfast

BT15 2BP

United Kingdom

Email: [ciara.rea@ashtoncentre.com](mailto:ciara.rea@ashtoncentre.com)

Website: <http://www.ashtoncentre.com>

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: Yes

Public service mutual: No

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## **BRYSON ENERGY**

- Companies House: NI603445
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQTM-8685-CBDQ

2 Rivers Edge

Belfast

BT6 8DN

United Kingdom

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Website: <http://www.brysonpathways.org>

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## **CLANRYE GROUP LIMITED**

- Companies House: NP000266
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPNC-9517-DCRP

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Newry

BT35 8SW

United Kingdom

Email: [info@clanryegroup.com](mailto:info@clanryegroup.com)

Website: <http://www.clanryegroup.com>

Region: UKN08 - Newry, Mourne and Down

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes



Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## **Coalisland Training Services Ltd**

- Charity Commission for Northern Ireland: NI 100770
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLPQ-1249-DXWG

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BT71 4HP

United Kingdom

Email: [info@coalislandtrainingservices.co.uk](mailto:info@coalislandtrainingservices.co.uk)

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

Region: UKN0B - Mid Ulster

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## **CRAFT TRAINING LTD**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPBR-9124-LYXL
- Companies House: NI619847

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STRABANE

BT82 9PN

United Kingdom

Email: [laura@crafttrainingonline.co.uk](mailto:laura@crafttrainingonline.co.uk)

Region: UKN0A - Derry City and Strabane

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## **D.F.P.F. LIMITED**

- Companies House: NI041643
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United Kingdom

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Website: <http://www.people-1st.co.uk>

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## **DERRY YOUTH AND COMMUNITY WORKSHOP LIMITED**

- Companies House: NP000202
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLQM-7429-XRTW

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Derry

BT486PJ

United Kingdom

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Region: UKN0A - Derry City and Strabane

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## **DISABILITY ACTION (NI)**

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Portside Business Park

Belfast

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United Kingdom

Email: [hq@disabilityaction.org](mailto:hq@disabilityaction.org)

Website: <http://www.disabilityaction.org>

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## **GAELECHURSAI LIMITED**

- Companies House: NI606540
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCRC-5133-TXNG

2 Fallswater Street

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United Kingdom

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Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## **GET SKILLS EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING LTD**

- Companies House: 07083531

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCWM-2653-WRMG

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EC2A 4NE

United Kingdom

Email: [businessdevelopment@getsetuk.co.uk](mailto:businessdevelopment@getsetuk.co.uk)

Website: <https://www.getsetuk.co.uk/>

Region: UKI41 - Hackney and Newham

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## **IMPACT TRAINING (N.I) LIMITED**

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16 Lanark Way

BELFAST

BT133DE

United Kingdom

Email: [gmckay@impacttraining.com](mailto:gmckay@impacttraining.com)

Website: <https://www.impacttrainingltd.com>

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## **LIMESTONE YOUTH TRAINING PROJECT LIMITED**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGVP-3322-YNRJ
- Companies House: NP000239

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BT1 1QD

United Kingdom

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Website: <http://www.acamdeytrainingschool.com>

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## **RUTLEDGE TRAINING LIMITED**

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United Kingdom

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

Region: UKN0C - Causeway Coast and Glens

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No



Public service mutual: No

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## **Skilled NI**

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Belfast

BT1 2GW

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Website: <http://www.skilledni.org>

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## **Springboard Opportunities Ltd**

- Companies House: NI27175
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112-114 Donegall Street Belfast

Belfast

BT1 2GX

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Website: <http://www.springboard-opps.org>

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## **SPRINGVALE TRAINING LIMITED**

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDNM-3142-XDDG

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BT12 7DB

United Kingdom

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Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## **THE NOW PROJECT LIMITED**

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Website: <http://www.nowgroup.org>

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## **ULSTER SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT LIMITED**

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Website: <http://Usel.co.uk>

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: Yes

Public service mutual: No

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## **WORKFORCE TRAINING SERVICES LIMITED**

- Companies House: NI031308
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNLQ-4815-NDDQ

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Belfast

BT12 7AJ

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Website: <http://www.workforceonline.org>

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## Contracting authority

### Department for the Economy

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Website: <https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/>

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

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## Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

### CPD - Supplies & Services Division

Summary of their role in this procurement: Construction and Procurement Delivery -

Supplies and Services Division, is a Centre of Procurement Expertise and provides a central procurement function for central government in Northern Ireland.

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Website: <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/topics/procurement>

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

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## Contact organisation

Contact CPD - Supplies & Services Division for any enquiries.