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Contract

Subcontracting for the delivery of devolved Adult Skills Fund LCRCA

The City of Liverpool College

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

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UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number)

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Main address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Subcontracting for the delivery of devolved Adult Skills Fund LCRCA

Reference number

T: 2022 - 008c

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The College has created a Dynamic Purchasing System for the subcontracting of its devolved ASF funding from the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority.

The City of Liverpool College is now seeking to identify a select number of providers via a mini competition process who it will work with in partnership to deliver its devolved Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Adult Skills Funded training in line with its subcontracting strategy.

Awards under the framework will range from £50,000 to £600,000 maximum contract value.

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 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 Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) Adult Skills Fund (ASF) funding 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 sub-contracting 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 LCRCA 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.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £1,549,218

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD72 - Liverpool

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Suitable training providers to deliver qualifications and/or programmes eligible for funding under the College's Audit Skills Fund contract on its behalf.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 50

Quality criterion - Name: Delivery Plan / Weighting: 40

Quality criterion - Name: EDI / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability Environmental Policies / Weighting: 5

Cost criterion - Name: No Cost Criterion / Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2023/S 000-009430](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

1

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

6 August 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 14

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Bright Direction Training

Commercial Union House, 42 Mawdsley Street

Bolton

BL1 1NH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number)

10033710

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £111,216

Total value of the contract/lot: £111,216

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

2

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

6 August 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 14

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

FTW Training

Peel House Commercial Hub, Peel Road

Skelmersdale

WN8 9PT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD7 - Merseyside

UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number)

10043690

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £343,728

Total value of the contract/lot: £343,728

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

3

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

6 August 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 14

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

OrangeBox Training Solutions

Tranquility House, Harbour Walk

Hartlepool

TS24 0UX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number)

10029170

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £229,507

Total value of the contract/lot: £229,507

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

4

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

6 August 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 14

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Sysco Business Skills Academy Ltd

The Threlfall Building, Truman Street

Liverpool

L3 2BA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD72 - Liverpool

UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number)

10013122

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £712,517

Total value of the contract/lot: £712,517

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

5

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

6 August 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 14

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Three Dimensional Training

32 Woodside Business Park

Birkenhead

CH41

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD74 - Wirral

UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number)

10057616

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £152,250

Total value of the contract/lot: £152,250

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The City of Liverpool College

The Arts Centre, 9 Myrtle Street

Liverpool

L7 7 JA

Country

United Kingdom