

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/046899-2025>

Tender

Solent Skills Bootcamp Framework - Lots 19-21

Portsmouth City Council

UK4: Tender notice - Procurement Act 2023 - [view information about notice types](#)

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-046899

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-058351

Published 7 August 2025, 1:13pm

Scope

Reference

P00005088

Description

Portsmouth City Council is reopening the Skills Bootcamp Framework for the purposes of including Lots 19-21

This is an opportunity to deliver Skills Bootcamp training across the Solent as part of a series of skills interventions under the Skills for Life Programme.

The Council is seeking suitably qualified and experienced training providers to develop in partnership with employers, and deliver Skills Bootcamps at Level 2 to level 5 in:

Construction 1 - Minimum of 60 GLH up to a maximum of 16 weeks of delivery (expected minimum duration would be between 2-4 weeks). We would like this Bootcamp to focus on re-skilling and upskilling to provide new entrants into the Construction Sector into Junior roles. All Skills Bootcamps should include the Level 1 Health & Safety in Construction Environment and the CSCS Green Card, including booking the test and

applying for the card on the learner's behalf (Including any necessary re-sits to enable learners to achieve). We would also expect Traffic Marshall/Banksman Training, Manual Handling, Training to support these individuals to engage with Construction Agencies and also work within the HMRC Construction Industry Scheme.

Construction 2 - Minimum of 60 GLH up to a maximum of 16 weeks of delivery (expected minimum duration would be between 2-4 weeks). We would like this Bootcamp to focus on re-skilling and upskilling to provide new entrants into the Construction Sector into Junior roles. All Skills Bootcamps should include the Level 1 Health & Safety in Construction Environment and the CSCS Green Card, including booking the test and applying for the card on the learner's behalf (Including any necessary re-sits to enable learners to achieve). We would also like a focus on multi- skilled roles including:

- Basic carpentry and joinery skills
- Basic Plumbing Skills
- Painting and Wallpapering Skills
- Wall and Floor Tiling Skills
- With possible progression onto an Apprenticeship.

Welding - Minimum of 60 GLH up to a maximum of 16 weeks of delivery (expected minimum duration would be between 2-4 weeks). This bootcamp is to focus on upskilling and reskilling individuals to enter a Welding role and could include:

- Health & Safety, MCQ test, CAD + hand fitting project
- Intro to welding - tools, setup, basic techniques
- Welding defects & testing, continued development
- Advanced positions, understanding WPS & test prep
- Weld test practice under simulated test conditions
- Weld coding test
- MMA/TIG/MIG/MAG

There is currently a maximum of 3 lots available to apply for. These are based on the regional priority sectors and local skills shortages identified through the Solent Local Skills Improvement plan. Our intention is for the light touch framework to remain flexible so that

in addition to the local priorities and lots identified we can also meet the ongoing demands from businesses across the Solent. Courses can be delivered face-to-face, classroom style, face online or a mixture. Priority will be given to suppliers that can deliver across the mainland and on the Isle of Wight, therefore we encourage partnerships and collaborations to do this. Suppliers are encouraged to apply for more than one lot, offering greater value for money and increased productivity across the total contract, therefore we would encourage collaborations or partnership/consortia applications.

A budget ceiling of £480,000 (excluding VAT) is set for the 3 Lots in this phase of Wave 6 work. This will include all costs associated with the specified work.

Values given under each Lot are the potential values over the lifetime of the Framework, subject to additional funding, however no guarantee can be made in respect of the accuracy of this estimate or any guarantee of future spend via the Framework.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £3,840,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 8 September 2025 to 19 June 2033
- 7 years, 9 months, 12 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight
-

Lot 19. Construction 1

Description

Minimum of 60 GLH up to a maximum of 16 weeks of delivery (expected minimum duration would be between 2-4 weeks). We would like this Bootcamp to focus on re-skilling and upskilling to provide new entrants into the Construction Sector into Junior roles. All Skills Bootcamps should include the Level 1 Health & Safety in Construction Environment and the CSCS Green Card, including booking the test and applying for the card on the learner's behalf (Including any necessary re-sits to enable learners to achieve). We would also expect Traffic Marshall/Banksman Training, Manual Handling, Training to support these individuals to engage with Construction Agencies and also work within the HMRC Construction Industry Scheme.

Lot value (estimated)

- £1,280,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 20. Construction 2

Description

Minimum of 60 GLH up to a maximum of 16 weeks of delivery (expected minimum duration would be between 2-4 weeks). We would like this Bootcamp to focus on re-skilling and upskilling to provide new entrants into the Construction Sector into Junior roles. All Skills Bootcamps should include the Level 1 Health & Safety in Construction Environment and the CSCS Green Card, including booking the test and applying for the card on the learner's behalf (Including any necessary re-sits to enable learners to achieve). We would also like a focus on multi- skilled roles including:

- Basic carpentry and joinery skills
- Basic Plumbing Skills
- Painting and Wallpapering Skills
- Wall and Floor Tiling Skills
- With possible progression onto an Apprenticeship.

Lot value (estimated)

- £1,280,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 21. Welding

Description

Minimum of 60 GLH up to a maximum of 16 weeks of delivery (expected minimum duration would be between 2-4 weeks). This bootcamp is to focus on upskilling and reskilling individuals to enter a Welding role and could include:

- Health & Safety, MCQ test, CAD + hand fitting project
- Intro to welding - tools, setup, basic techniques
- Welding defects & testing, continued development
- Advanced positions, understanding WPS & test prep
- Weld test practice under simulated test conditions
- Weld coding test
- MMA/TIG/MIG/MAG

Lot value (estimated)

- £1,280,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

Evaluation for admittance onto the Framework will be assessed on a quality only basis since the budget is set.

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 19. Construction 1

Lot 20. Construction 2

Lot 21. Welding

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Tender submission deadline

15 August 2025, 11:59pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/portsmouthcc.aspx/home>

Suppliers should note that this is for Lots 19-21 ONLY

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

31 August 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	100%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Reduced tendering period

Yes

Light touch contract - no minimum

Contracting authority

Portsmouth City Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCNL-5714-PRZV

Civic Offices, Guildhall Square

Portsmouth

PO1 2AL

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Region: UKJ31 - Portsmouth

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government