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Award

Pre 16 Vocational courses

Cornwall Council

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Scope

Reference

DN730462

Description

Cornwall Council is conducting a soft market assessment to gain an understanding of the potential level of interest across the Voluntary, NHS, Independent and private sector for the provision of increased key worker capacity through Registered Social landlords. It is intended that the responses supplied will enable the Council to develop a business proposal. Any such proposal would be subject to the development and approval of a business case, and, as such, this exercise implies no commercial commitment. This is not a formal tender document. Participation of this soft market assessment will not prejudice suppliers participating in any future procurement. If you are interested in this area of service provision and also helping with our assessment of the market, please complete the "Information Required" section at the end of this notice along with any additional information you consider to be relevant and return this via the Due North system by 12 noon on 16th June 2025 ** Deadline extension requested to 12 noon on Wednesday 18th June 2025**

Contract 1. Pre 16 Vocational Courses

Supplier

- The Cornwall College Group

Contract value

- £1,125,000 excluding VAT
- £1,350,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

31 August 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2026
- Possible extension to 31 August 2028
- 3 years

Description of possible extension:

Contract is for one year only 1st September 2025 - 31st August 2026 with the option of

two further twelve month extensions giving a final end date of 31st August 2028

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Other information

Description of risks to contract performance

Contract Terms

This will be for one year only with the option of annual extensions subject to funding (1 + 1 + 1)

Risks

1. Risk of disclosure of personal or sensitive personal information
 - mitigated through the contract terms and conditions and regular review meetings
2. Risk of legal challenge to direct award
 - mitigated through legally compliant option to Direct Award and Transparency Notice

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Special regime

Light touch

Direct award justification

Additional or repeat goods, services or works - extension or partial replacement

Direct Award in Special Cases under Section 41 of PA23, Schedule 5, Clause 7 – “The

public contract concerns a supply of goods, services or works by the existing supplier which are intended as an extension to, or partial replacement, of, existing goods services or works, AND (b) the difference or incompatibility would result in disproportionate technical difficulties in operational maintenance.” Due to budget restraints.

The trial with Cornwall College was initially for one year (2023/2024) and extended to a second year (2024/2025). The trial period was extended and named the Thrive Model. Review of the model and analysis of the qualitative analysis of the data has shown that it is making significant difference to the engagement and attendance of young people and also their onwards trajectory to further education, and employment. In addition, it would be deemed disruptive to any students' part way through their vocational course to have to change programme.

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

Cornwall Council

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