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Tender

Cumbria Connect to Work (CtW) Programme

Cumberland Council

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Scope

Description

A Cumbria Connect to Work (CtW) Programme is being procured to cover the Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council areas. Cumberland Council is leading on the procurement and is also the Accountable Body for this programme. The Councils are seeking, through the CtW programme, to break down barriers to employment and provide sustainable job opportunities for individuals with complex needs.

The council proposes to enter into the contract from the 27th October 2025 with the successful tenderer. The initial contract period is from 27th October 2025 - 31st March 2028. The contract end date of 31st March 2030 is the date the contract will end if both of the potential 12 months extensions are used. Use of these extensions is at the absolute discretion of the council. Any extensions will be confirmed with the successful supplier if implemented.

The highest estimated value is £9,883,966 excluding VAT. This is for the initial term and the two potential 12 months extension periods.

For further details and to access the tender documents, including the service specification, please use our online procurement portal - The Chest - <https://www.the-chest.org.uk>. You must be registered on The Chest. Registration is free.

All bids must be received electronically via The Chest by the deadline stated in the Invitation to Tender (ITT).

Any clarifications about the tender must be sent via messaging on The Chest by the deadline stated in the ITT.

Total value (estimated)

- £9,883,966 excluding VAT
- £11,860,759 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 27 October 2025 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years, 5 months, 5 days

Description of possible extension:

There is the potential for two contract extensions of up to 12 months each, depending on both the success in achieving the required outcomes and availability of further funding.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 75110000 - General public services

- 75131000 - Government services
- 75200000 - Provision of services to the community
- 79600000 - Recruitment services
- 80400000 - Adult and other education services
- 80500000 - Training services
- 98200000 - Equal opportunities consultancy services

Contract locations

- UKD1 - Cumbria

Submission

Enquiry deadline

16 September 2025, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

29 September 2025, 10:00am

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.the-chest.org.uk>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

10 October 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	85%
Social Value	Quality	10%
Price	Price	5%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Cumberland Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJGX-9191-DYLV

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Region: UKD12 - East Cumbria

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government