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Flexible Framework for Outdoor Education Centres - Entry Point 4

North Lanarkshire Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00010

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Flexible Framework for Outdoor Education Centres - Entry Point 4

Reference number

NLC-CPT-20-058 (EP4)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The National guidance document “Curriculum for Excellence through Outdoor Learning” Education Scotland states: “the journey through education for any child in Scotland must include opportunities for a series of planned, quality outdoor learning experiences” enabling our children and young people to be successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens, one of the national outcomes which lies at the heart of the Curriculum for Excellence.

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The Council have already established a Flexible Framework (see https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/show/search_view.aspx?ID=NOV399554) with multiple Service Providers who offer a multi-day outdoor education experience, with residential stay, for groups of school pupils. The Council have 155 Educational establishments who could potentially use this Framework.

The original Framework was setup for 10 years, with included annual entry points to allow new Providers to apply to join the Framework, this would enable the Council to maintain capacity and choice.

This notice is for Entry Point 4, which is applicable for any potential provider and/or setting that is not already on the Framework.

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This contract award procedure is being carried out in accordance with The Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, Regulation 74.

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II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80100000 - Primary education services
- 80340000 - Special education services
- 80200000 - Secondary education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Please see ITT specification

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

In accordance with The Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, Regulation 74, the Council have established a Flexible Framework with Service Providers / Outdoor Education Centres who can provide a package for groups of pupils that comprises: activity based learning with residential stay.

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The Flexible Framework is for multiple years, and the Council have included options for additional Service Providers to apply to join the Framework at future intervals - this is Entry Point 4.

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Key Objectives is to meet the curriculum objectives previously mentioned in II.1.4)
Description of the procurement.

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Prospective Service Providers should be able to offer a range of activities that caters for pupils of all abilities and confidence levels. The residential element should include catering. Venue based transport would be required if travel is needed to go between accommodation and activity location.

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The Council's school term is August through June; packages should be available during

this period.

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Further to this overview, a detailed specification is contained within the main Invitation to Tender (ITT) document which is accessible (and downloadable) from the Buyer Attachment area within the PCS-T Tendering System.

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The Framework must be carried out in accordance with the information provided within this Contract Notice and the following documents contained within the PCS-T Tendering System; Invitation to Tender (ITT) and the Framework Agreement and Call-Off Terms and Conditions.

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Tenderers must respond to a series of Selection Questions within the PCS-T Qualification Envelope;

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Tenderers must download and complete a range of Award Questions and Statements located within the PCS-T Technical Envelope;

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Tenderers must download and complete a Pricing Schedule located within the PCS-T Commercial Envelope.

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II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2.14) Additional information

PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE EXCLUSION GROUNDS:

Economic Operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of situations referred to in Regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation

List and brief description of rules and criteria

Full details of the objective rules and criteria for participation are contained within the ITT document. Please refer to I.3 Communication within this Notice.

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III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

Service Provider personnel, assigned to work with the Service Users must ensure their proposed staff will be registered under the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) prior to commencement of any potential contract.

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If based in England, service provider personnel must be registered under Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) prior to commencement of any potential contract.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

The Flexible approach allows entry points for additional Providers to be added. Full retendering will only be required when the requirements change. .The Council has procedures to monitor performance of Providers, and SPD resubmissions can be requested at future intervals to maintain assurances on the active Providers.

IV.1.10) Identification of the national rules applicable to the procedure

Information about national procedures is available at:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2015/446/part/2/chapter/3/crossheading/social-and-other-specific-services>

IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure

Further entry points adhere to the same Tender Application process:

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Single-stage procedure.

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Tender Application: Tenderers must complete an SPD and provide proposals for Service Delivery. Tenders must be submitted via PCS-T only.

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Tender responses will be scored by a tender evaluation panel from within the Council.

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IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2020/S 200-486822](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

1 October 2025

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

TENDERERS PLEASE NOTE: Police Scotland identified a number of business areas which have a high risk of infiltration by Serious and Organised Crime groups; this contract belongs to one such area and as such the Authority reserves the right to include enhanced probity checks prior to any contract award, including sharing tenderer information with Police Scotland.

The tender pack includes a schedule for the Declaration of non-involvement in serious organised crime; this is a mandatory tender submission requirement for all tenderers.

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The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 60515.
For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

The Contracting Authority does not intend to include a sub-contract clause as part of community benefits (as per Section 25 of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014) in this contract for the following reason:

Not applicable

The Contracting Authority does not intend to include any community benefit requirements in this contract for the following reason:

Overly complex to achieve as useage at this stage is unknown and could be across a vast number of Suppliers and none of them reaching the threshold where it would be reasonable to expect Community Benefits to be accrued.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Scottish Courts

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

An economic operator that suffers, or is at risk of suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 or the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014, may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.

