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Tender

Connect to Work - EMCCA

East Midlands Combined County Authority

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Scope

Reference

DN785306

Description

The recently launched "Get Britain Working" White Paper outlines Government's strategy to invest £240m to support the ambition of a national 80% employment rate and help improve workplace health and keep people in work, including trials of combined public services for those out of work due to ill health. Connect to Work is the first major element of the Get Britain Working Strategy.

By encouraging join-up between health systems and employment support, Connect to Work will support those, primarily, currently outside the workforce and facing greater labour market disadvantages, to stay in work and get back into work. In turn, supporting the Government's ambition for a more inclusive economy, supporting local people to realise their potential and supporting local and national growth.

Connect to Work funding will support around 100,000 disabled people with health conditions and those with complex barriers to get into employment and on in work. In the

East Midlands, Connect to Work will support 12,243 residents across the entirety of the programme.

The East Midlands Combined Authority is the Accountable Body for Connect to Work in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire and, working in partnership with the four constituent local authorities, is responsible for the commissioning of Connect to Work delivery.

Connect to Work is a voluntary programme, delivering the evidence-based Supported Employment model, 'place, train, and maintain', via two different types of interventions based on the needs of the participant - Individual Placement and Support (IPS) and Supported Employment Quality Framework (SEQF).

Total value (estimated)

- £32,612,559 excluding VAT
- £39,135,070.80 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2026 to 31 March 2030
- 4 years, 3 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 75131000 - Government services
- 79634000 - Career guidance services

- 80521000 - Training programme services

Contract locations

- UKF1 - Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire

Lot constraints

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

The winning bidder for each Lot will be awarded the contract.

Should the winning bidder for both Lots be the same, EMCCA will ask the supplier to indicate which Lot it would like to deliver and the remaining Lot will be offered to the next highest scoring bidder in that Lot.

Should only 1 bidder be eligible for contract award in both Lots, EMCCA reserves the right to work with a single supplier to deliver both Lots.

Lot 1. Lot 1- IPS - Derby City & Derbyshire

Description

The Connect to Work delivery partner will deliver IPS to participants resident across all areas of Derby City and Derbyshire. The aim is to enable participants to secure and sustain paid, competitive employment by providing person-centred support that respects individual aspirations. This will support residents to improve their health, independence, and social inclusion while also working towards the regional and national target of 80% of working age people being in employment.

Lot value (estimated)

- £12,218,306 excluding VAT
- £14,661,967.20 including VAT

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 2. Lot 2-IPS & SEQF-Nottingham & Nottinghamshire

Description

The Connect to Work delivery partner will deliver IPS and SEQF to participants resident across all areas of Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire. The aim is to enable participants to secure and sustain paid, competitive employment by providing person-centred support that respects individual aspirations. This will support residents to improve their health, independence, and social inclusion while also working towards the regional and national target of 80% of working age people being in employment.

Lot value (estimated)

- £20,394,253 excluding VAT
- £24,473,103.60 including VAT

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.

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Lot 1- IPS - Derby City & Derbyshire

Lot 2. Lot 2-IPS & SEQF-Nottingham & Nottinghamshire

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

Enquiry deadline

18 September 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

6 October 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.eastmidstenders.org/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

31 October 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	90%
Social Value	Quality	10%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

East Midlands Combined County Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZXR-6887-DRNP

Northern Gateway Enterprise Centre

Chesterfield

S40 1UT

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@eastmidsdevo.org.uk

Region: UKF12 - East Derbyshire

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

Nottinghamshire County Council

Summary of their role in this procurement: Conducting Procurement on behalf of EMCCA

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBCV-5152-BXBP

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Nottingham

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United Kingdom

Email: prpc@nottscc.gov.uk

Region: UKF16 - South Nottinghamshire

Contact organisation

Contact Nottinghamshire County Council for any enquiries.