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Contract

Step up to social work training programme

Leeds City Council

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Scope

Description

The Step Up to Social Work programme provides an accelerated entry route into social work for high-achieving graduates and career changers. It is delivered through the development of a bespoke work-based 14 month postgraduate diploma programme, led by groups of local authorities working in regional partnerships and contracting with HEIs. Leeds City Council's tender opportunity was to contract with a training provider of the programme.

Contract 1. Step up to social work programme

Supplier

- UNIVERSITY OF SALFORD(THE)

Contract value

- £350,000 excluding VAT
- £420,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

14 August 2025

Contract dates

- 14 August 2025 to 31 March 2027
- Possible extension to 30 September 2027
- 2 years, 1 month, 18 days

Description of possible extension:

1 x 6 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80300000 - Higher education services

Contract locations

- UKE42 - Leeds

Justification for not setting key performance indicators

Not applicable, the contract value is above the threshold but not more than £5 million

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

UNIVERSITY OF SALFORD(THE)

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGBR-6657-LPLJ

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Region: UKD34 - Greater Manchester South West

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

Leeds City Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJYG-6658-PPMY

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